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To,
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forests, Environment and Ecology Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 53.67 ha. (*Originally proposed 75.92 ha of forest land*) of forest land (*near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC*) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipe line in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District

Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/14576/2015 [Stage-I approved]

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter 8-17/2021-FC dated 06-03-2023 [*Stage-I approval*]
 2. This office letter of even number dated 15-03-2023 [*seeking Condition-wise compliance from User Agency-and Field officers*]
 3. M/s NMDC, Donimai, Sandur, Ballari District letter DNM/ENV/Stage-I Comp 53.67/2023/2602 dated 23-05-2023 [*compliance report in respect of conditions of Stage-I approval*]
 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/NMDC/M.L.No.1111/2018-19 dated 25-05-2023 [*Compliance Report in respect of conditions of Stage-I approval*]

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide Ref (1) has accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval diversion of 53.67 ha. (Originally proposed 75.92 ha of forest land) of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, One Tailing dam and laying of Water pipe line in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

Now, the complete compliance to the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval received from the field officers (ref-4) based on the report received from the field officers and compliance submitted by the user agency, the status of condition-wise compliance to the Stage-I approval is given as below.

| SL No. | Conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 06-03-2023 | Status of the Compliance |
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| A | Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1) | The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years, into the account of National Authority, CAMPA managed by the State Govt.; | <p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 19,77,75,410/-) for raising 107.34 ha, <i>[twice the diverted land (i.e, 53.67 ha x 2 =107.34 ha)]</i> in degraded forest land. Which also includes the survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars charges for provided non-forest land for CA purpose (i.e, 56.58 ha + 19.348 ha) vide e-office challan dated 25-04-2023 for Rs. 19,77,75,410/- <i>[Included in total amount of Rs.29,46,57,105/-]</i>.</p> <p>Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed ANNEXURE-4</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2) | The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal in accordance with the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 06.01.2022 read the guidelines dated 19.01.2022 into the account National Authority, CAMPA managed by the State Government. | <p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 6,59,38,425/- for 53.67 ha @ 12,28,590/- towards NPV charges to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal vide e-office challan 25-04-2023 for Rs. 6,59,38,425/- <i>[Included in total amount of Rs.29,46,57,105/-]</i>.</p> <p>Copy of Payment Page Print taken from FC Web portal is enclosed ANNEXURE-4</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3) | The State Govt. shall impose a penalty of five (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposit is made from the year 2015 as penalty for violation of FCA 1980 (i.e., 2.57 Ha area under violation) as proposed by the State Government. | <p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 3,09,43,270/- for violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (i.e., for 2.57 Ha area under violation) at penalty of five (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposit is made from the year 2015 to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal vide e-office challan 25-04-2023 for Rs. 3,09,43,270/- <i>[Included in total amount of Rs.29,46,57,105/-]</i>.</p> <p>The details of payment done for 2.57 Ha is given below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="750 1821 1420 2121"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No</th><th>Particulars</th><th>Details</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Area under violation</td><td>2.57 Ha</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>NPV charges</td><td>Rs.12,28,590/- per Ha</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Penalty of 5 times of NPV charges</td><td>Rs.1,57,87,381.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>12% simple interest charges from 2015-16 on Rs.1,57,87,382/-.</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> | S.No | Particulars | Details | 1 | Area under violation | 2.57 Ha | 2 | NPV charges | Rs.12,28,590/- per Ha | 3 | Penalty of 5 times of NPV charges | Rs.1,57,87,381.50 | 4 | 12% simple interest charges from 2015-16 on Rs.1,57,87,382/-. | |
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| 4) | The Non-Forest land shall be transferred and mutated in favor of Forest Department and notified as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Govt. prior to final/Stage-II approval. | <p>The User Agency being a Central Government agency is governed under Para 2.5(i)(f) of the latest FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019 and hence the CA can be raised at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion. Even then, the User Agency has identified CA land in Sy No. 295 of Appenahalli Village, Kudligi Taluk, Vijayanagara District over an extent of 56.572 Ha and in Sy.No.432 of Kasapura Village, Kudligi Taluk, Vijayanagara District over an extent of 19.348 Ha. The same land has been transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department.</p> <p>However, as per DCF letter dated 25-05-2023 the Notification of Reserved Forest/Protected Forest of the said area is under process.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5) | The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and the map is enclosed as Annexure-3 . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6) | The KML files of diverted area and the CA areas (both NFL & DFL) shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval. | The DCF, Ballari Division vide Ref (4) has stated that the uploading of KML files of diverted area and the CA areas (both NFL & DFL) in e-green watch portal is under process. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7) | The Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). | The User Agency has made above mentioned payment towards Compensatory levies to Ad-hoc CAMPA through e-payment portal. Copy of Status of Payment Page taken from FC Web Portal is enclosed as Annexure-4 . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 8) | State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, along with compliance of Stage-I approval, as prescribed by this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof. | The User Agency has obtained and submitted a copy of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-II (for Nonlinear/Hybrid Projects) issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District vide letter No. Rev/Mining/F.R.A/93/2017-18 dated 13-09-2019, enclosed as Annexure-5 . |
| 9) | The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/); | The complete compliance report is uploaded along with all the supporting documents & undertakings on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). |
| B | Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval: | |
| 1. | Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-6 . |
| 2. | The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard which is enclosed as Annexure-7 . |
| 3. | Compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage - II approval. | The DCF, Ballari Division has agreed to comply with the condition vide Ref (4). |
| 4. | At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-8 . |
| 5. | Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-9 . |
| 6. | The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-10 . Further, the DCF, Ballari Vide Ref (4) latter dated 25-05-2023 has stated that he will verify the possibility of translocation of maximum number of |

| | unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department. | trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7. | <p>The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other waterbodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/waterbodies. A detailed approved plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF&CC before Stage-II approval.</p> | <p>The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has stated that the NMDC has undertaken survey for identification of existing village tanks and other water bodies within 5 km from the proposed Screening Plant-II area. The list of village tanks/ water bodies along with distance and direction and GPS Co-ordinates is given below.</p> <table><tr><th>Water tank / water body</th><th>Distance in Km</th><th>Direction</th><th>GPS Co-ordinates</th></tr><tr><td>Water tank-1 Bhujangnagar a village</td><td>4.502</td><td>NW</td><td>15°05'00.9449 " 76°34'22.2355 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-2 Bhujangnagar a village</td><td>3.821</td><td>NW</td><td>15°05'26.4226 " 76°34'12.7445 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-3 Akashnagar camp</td><td>1.664</td><td>SW</td><td>15°03'36.6723 " 76°35'18.3387 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-4 Narsapura village</td><td>1.060</td><td>SW</td><td>15°02'55.3134 " 76°36'14.4164 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-5 Narsapura village</td><td>1.342</td><td>SW</td><td>15°02'50.4290 " 76°36'05.7415 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-6 Navalatti village</td><td>4.119</td><td>SE</td><td>15°01'24.4305 " 76°37'46.8397 "</td></tr><tr><td>Water tank-7 Ubbalgandi village</td><td>4.558</td><td>SE</td><td>15°02'59.3492 " 76°39'11.1313 "</td></tr></table> <p>NMDC will regularly undertake desilting of the above water tanks and water bodies if required, so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such water bodies. A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies will be prepared in consultation with Forest Department.</p> <p>In this connection, undertaking has been enclosed as Annexure-11. The list of village tanks/ water bodies along with distance, direction & GPS co-ordinates is given below and shown in Annexure-11A.</p> | Water tank / water body | Distance in Km | Direction | GPS Co-ordinates | Water tank-1 Bhujangnagar a village | 4.502 | NW | 15°05'00.9449 " 76°34'22.2355 " | Water tank-2 Bhujangnagar a village | 3.821 | NW | 15°05'26.4226 " 76°34'12.7445 " | Water tank-3 Akashnagar camp | 1.664 | SW | 15°03'36.6723 " 76°35'18.3387 " | Water tank-4 Narsapura village | 1.060 | SW | 15°02'55.3134 " 76°36'14.4164 " | Water tank-5 Narsapura village | 1.342 | SW | 15°02'50.4290 " 76°36'05.7415 " | Water tank-6 Navalatti village | 4.119 | SE | 15°01'24.4305 " 76°37'46.8397 " | Water tank-7 Ubbalgandi village | 4.558 | SE | 15°02'59.3492 " 76°39'11.1313 " |
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| 8. | The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has stated that the forest land for which Stage-I FC obtained for diversion of 53.67Ha is meant for Construction of stand-alone Screening and beneficiation plant-II and not for mining purpose. Once the life of the screening plant is completed NMDC shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing. the Screening Plant-II area. Further, the user agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as Annexure-12 . |
| 9. | Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has stated that the construction of Screening Plan-II over 53.67 Ha is not a part of any Mining Lease area. The proposed site is located outside the existing Mining lease of Donimalai. The ML of Donimalai (ML No.2396) is valid upto 02.11.2038. Since proposed Screening plant is a standalone plant, the diversion of forest land may pl be accorded as per prevalent rules and guidelines. The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has stated that which is enclosed as Annexure-13 . |
| 10. | The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required. | The User Agency has not submitted the Environmental Clearance for this proposal. However, the User Agency in their compliance has stated that the expert appraisal committee (EAC), MoEF&CC during its meeting held on 08 th -09 th June, 2017 has recommended the proposal for grant of Environmental clearance subject to obtaining Stage-1 Forest clearance (Annexure-14A). Since, Satge-1 FC is obtained, the Environmental Clearance shall be issued by MoEF&CC. In this regard, the user agency has submitted the undertaking to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC is submitted which is enclosed as Annexure-14B . |
| 11. | No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-15 . |
| 12. | The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates. | The User Agency has demarcated the diverted forest land on ground by erecting four feet high RCC pillars each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates. The photo graphs showing erection of boundary pillars is enclosed in Annexure-16 . The undertaking stating erection of boundary pillars has been completed is enclosed as Annexure-17 . |

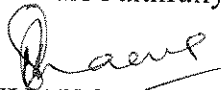
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| 13. | The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure-18 . |
| 14. | The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure-19 . |
| 15. | No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure-20 . |
| 16. | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area. | The DCF, Ballari Division vide letter dated 25-05-2023 has stated that he will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area in regular basis. |
| 17. | The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure-10 . Further, the DCF, Ballari Division vide letter dated 25-05-2023 has stated that he will verify the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable. |
| 18. | 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 shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure 21 . |
| 19. | The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard, which is enclosed as Annexure-22 . |

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| 20. | The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-23 . |
| 21. | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019. | The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. which is enclosed as Annexure-24 . |

Under the above circumstances, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi to consider according the final (Stage-II) approval for FC renewal involving diversion of 53.67 ha. (*Originally proposed 75.92 ha of forest land*) of forest land (*near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC*) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Tailing dam and laying of Water pipe line in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period co-terminus with the mining lease granted under MMDR Act.

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,



(VIJAY SHARMA IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

1. Copy to the Monitoring Committee, (Appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India), Department of Mines and Geology, No. 49, 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, R.C Road, Banaglore-560001 for information and requested to provide the information with respect to the above Condition No. A-9 to this office for further submission and processing of the proposal.
2. Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information and necessary action.
3. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
4. Copy to M/s NMDC, Limited, Donimalai Iron Ore Mine, Donimalai Township, Ballari District - 583 118 for information.