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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 38.062 ha of forest land (23.153 ha in Koraput Forest Division + 14.909 ha in Rayagada Forest Division) for establishment of Aluminium Refinery Plant at Kansariguda by M/s HINDALCO Industries Limited in the Districts of Koraput and Rayagada in Odisha-Stage-I Compliance regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORC568/2023-BHU dated 29.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Officer, Bhubaneswar.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide Letter F.No.5-ORC568/2023-BHU dated 29.12.2023 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar for diversion of 38.062 ha of forest land (23.153 ha in Koraput Forest Division + 14.909 ha in Rayagada Forest Division) for establishment of Aluminium Refinery Plant at Kansariguda by M/s HINDALCO Industries Limited in the Districts of Koraput and Rayagada in Odisha under under Section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 subject to fulfilment of 10 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 24 nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the forest department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of DFO Koraput Forest Division, DFO, Rayagada Forest Division and RCCF, Koraput Circle are as follows:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No. (i) - The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 38.062 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-



FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the DFO, Koraput Forest Division vide his letter No.413 dated 20.01.2024 has raised demand to the user agency for payment of NPV cost of Rs.2,21,75,480/- (23.153 X Rs.9,57,780/-). Accordingly, the user agency has deposited the said amount vide TRAN No. AXISP00468341022 dt.05.02.2024 in CAMPA account. The copy of demand letter and deposit particulars are enclosed as Annexure -1A & 1B.

Similarly, the DFO, Rayagada Forest Division vide his Letter No.296 dated 23.01.2024 has raised demand to the user agency for payment of NPV cost of Rs.1,42,79,542/- (14.909 X Rs.9,57,780/-). Accordingly, the user agency has deposited the said amount vide TRAN No. AXIS P00472940114 in CAMPA account. The copy of demand letter, deposit particular are enclosed as **Annexure** –1C & 1D and the online payment particular history submitted by the User agency under CAMPA is enclosed as **Annexure** –1E.

<u>Condition No.ii.</u> - The identified non-forest land over 38.50 Ha for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the DFO, Koraput reported that the non- forest land identified in village Pipalpadar under Laxmipur Tahsil in Koraput district for raising compensatory afforestation has been mutated & transferred in favour of State Forest Department. The copy of RoR & Sanction letter of Collector, Koraput are enclosed as Annexure- 2A & 2B.

The CA land in village Pipalpadar has been notified as Pipalpadar Protected Forest vide Letter No.10F (Cons.)-30/2023-13547/FE & CC dt.24.07.2024 of Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department. The notification copy is enclosed as Annexure- 2C.

<u>Condition No.iii</u>. The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation/Addl. C.A. shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1: 50,000 scale.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the maps showing the lands identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation/Addl. C.A has been depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1: 50,000 scale are enclosed Plate No. I &II.

Condition No.iv.- The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA/Addl. C.A. areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

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Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the KML files of diverted area and the CA/Addl. C.A. areas has been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal. Screenshot photocopies are enclosed as Annexure-3A &3B.

The DFO, Rayagada Forest Division has also reported that the KML file of diverted area has been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal. Screenshot photocopy is enclosed as **Annexure-3C**.

Condition No.v. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation/Addl. C.A. at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance: - In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the CA land over an area of 38.5 ha. of non-forest land has been identified in village Pipalpadar under Laxmipur Tahsil and ACA over an area 22.0 ha. degraded forest has been land identified in Hatimali DPF of Laxmipur forest range under Koraput division. The CA & ACA schemes have been prepared by DFO, Koraput and technically approved by PCCF (Nodal) with a financial outlay of Rs.1,09,96,300/- & Rs. 1,33,09,400/- which is enclosed as Annexure-4A. The DFO, Koraput vide his Letter No. 413 dated 20.01.2024 has raised demand to the user agency for deposit the CA & ACA cost. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited Rs.8,91,35,242/- (out of which CA= Rs.1 09,96,300/-, ACA= Rs. 1,33,09,400/-, NPV (Rgda)= Rs. 1,42,79,542/- & SSWLCP= Rs.2,55,15,000/-(Kpt) & Rs.2,50,35,000/-(Rgda)). The demand Letter of DFO, Koraput and deposit particular of user agency are enclosed as Annexure-1A & 1D. The online payment History made by the User agency under CAMPA is enclosed as Annexure – 1E.

<u>Condition No.vi.</u> As recommended by the State Govt. a Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared and duly approved by CWLW, Odisha and to be implemented at project cost.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the PCCF(WL) &CWLW, Odisha vide his Letter No.10726 dt.25.11.2022 has approved the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan with a financial outlay of Rs.505.500 lakhs (Koraput Division — Rs.255.150 Laks + Rayagada Division — Rs.250.350 Lakhs)which is enclosed as Annuxure-5A.

Subsequently, both the DFO, Koraput & Rayagada have raised demand to the user agency for Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan cost Rs.2,55,15,000/- & Rs.2,50,35,000/- vide their respective letter Nos.409 dated 20.01.2024 & 296 dated 23.01.2024. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited the amount Rs.8,91,35,242/- (out of which CA= Rs.1 09,96,300/- ACA= Rs. 1,33,09,400/-, NPV (Rgda)= Rs. 1,42,79,542/- & SSWLCP= Rs.2,55,15,000/-(Kpt) & Rs.2,50,35,000/-(Rgda)) vide TRAN No. AXISP00472940114

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dt.21.02.2024. Copies of demand Letter of DFOs and deposited particular are enclosed as Annexure-5B, 1C, & 1D.

The copy of approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan is also enclosed as Annuxure-5C.

<u>Condition No.(vii)</u>:- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has deposited all the funds in Odisha CAMPA account through e-portal. The statement of funds deposited by the user agency towards compensatory levies duly signed by the DFO, Koraput Forest Division, DFO, Rayagada Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) are enclosed as Annexure-33 and Annexure-34 respectively.

<u>Condition No.(viii)</u>:- The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in/</u>).

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has uploaded the compliance report of the Stage-I approval in e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

<u>Condition No.(ix):-</u> The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the required certificate under compliance of Schedule Tribe & Other Forest Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act,2006 have been issued by the Collector, Koraput & Rayagada. Collector, Koraput has issued certificate over36.39 ha on 24.06.20211 and Collector, Rayagada has issued certificate on 29.06.2011 over 13.509 ha and on 17.12.2022 over 11.072 ha. The FRA certificates & Gram Sabha resolution are enclosed as Annexure- 6.

Condition No.(x):- The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated in 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 co-ordinates.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion has been demarcated in ground by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. Joint verification reports of Revenue & Forest Department of Koraput & Rayagada District are enclosed as Annexure-7A & 7B, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS readings are enclosed as Annexure-7C & 7D. Photographs of Boundary pillars are enclosed as Annexure-7E.

B. Conditions which need to be strictly complied 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.

Condition No.(i):- Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which are enclosed as Annexure-8.

Condition No.(ii):- Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 38.50 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.72, 73, 74 & 3, Khata No.76 of Kisam-Pahar of village Pipalpadar Laxmipur Tahasil under Koraput Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been prepared over 38.50 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.72, 73, 74 & 3, Khata No.76 of Kisam-Pahar of village Pipalpadar Laxmipur Tahasil with 10 years maintenance and the same is technically approved by the PCCF(Nodal) with financial outlay of Rs.1 09,96,300/-. The user agency has deposited the said amount in CAMPA account. After, receipt of allotment Koraput Forest Division shall raise and maintain the CA from two years of the date Stage-II Clearance. In this regard, the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as Annexure-9.

Condition No.(iii):- Additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 22 had degraded forest land identified in Hatimali DPF under Laxmipur Range of Koraput Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the additional compensatory afforestation has been prepared over 22 ha degraded forest land identified in Hatimali DPF under Laxmipur Range of Koraput Forest Division which is technically approved by the PCCF (Nodal) for an amount of Rs.1,33,09,400/-. The user agency has already deposited the said amount in CAMPA account. After, receipt of allotment Koraput Forest Division shall raise and maintain the ACA from two years of the date Stage-II Clearance. In this regard, the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure-10**.

Condition No.(iv):- The species to be planted under the CA and Additional CA schemes shall be of native species of the area. At least 18-month-old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.



Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that schemes for CA and Additional CA prepared by DFO, Koraput have been technically approved by this office by incorporating 18 months seedlings of native species. Intensive monitoring of the plantation shall be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals. In this regard, the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as Annexure-11.

<u>Condition No.(v)</u>: At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing 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

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that at the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing 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 which are enclosed as Annexure-12.

<u>Condition No.(vi):-</u> Only 10.156 ha of forest land which is Revenue forest should be considered for diversion to include in the identified 204.579 ha of land for Red Mud Pond. The other forest area 12.162 ha within the identified periphery of Red Mud Pond should be developed as green belt.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that only 10.156 ha of forest land which is Revenue forest should be considered for diversion to include in the identified 204.579 ha of land for Red Mud Pond. The other forest area 12.162 ha within the identified periphery of Red Mud Pond should be developed as green belt which are enclosed as Annexure-13.

<u>Condition No.(vii):-</u> The forest area of 2.356 ha proposed for bauxite handling and 0.392 ha for coal storage should also be developed to green belt.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest area of 2.356 ha proposed for bauxite handling and 0.392 ha for coal storage should also be developed as green belt which are enclosed as Annexure-14.

Condition No.(viii):- The user agency shall follow the CPCB/SPCB guidelines for Red Mud Pond, leaching proof of red mud pond shall be ensured.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that a detailed study has been conducted to prevent leaching from red mud pond which are enclosed as **Annexure** – 15. The user agency has also furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they will follow the CPCB/SPCB guidelines for Red Mud Pond, leaching proof of red mud pond shall be ensured which are enclosed as **Annexure-16**.

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<u>Condition No.(ix):-</u> The user agency shall carry out hydrological study for water table and contamination of water bodies around the Red Mud Pond area in regular interval.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted hydrological study report which is enclosed as Annexure -17 and also furnished undertakings which are enclosed as Annexure-18.

Condition No.(x):- Bio-remediation with high density afforestation shall be taken up concurrently and by dividing the Red Mud Pond into blocks where solid substrata (solid residue of the Red Mud Pond) shall be "bio remediated" and planted with suitable species progressively and concurrently throughout the period of the mine.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that Bio-remediation with high density afforestation shall be taken up concurrently and by dividing the Red Mud Pond into blocks where solid substrata (solid residue of the Red Mud Pond) shall be "bio remediated" and planted with suitable species progressively and concurrently throughout the period of the mine which are enclosed as Annexure-19.

<u>Condition No.(xi):-</u> The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable which are enclosed as Annexure-20.

Condition No. (xii):- The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation 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 which are enclosed as Annexure-21.

<u>Condition No.(xiii):-</u> 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels

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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 which are enclosed as **Annexure-22**.

<u>Condition No.(xiv):-</u> No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which are enclosed as Annexure-23.

<u>Condition No.(xv):-</u> The user agency while executing work, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the user agency while executing work, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which are enclosed as Annexure-24.

<u>Condition No.(xvi):-</u> The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which are enclosed as Annexure-25.

<u>Condition No.(xvii):-</u> The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which are enclosed as **Annexure-26**.

<u>Condition No.(xviii)</u>:- The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department, or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department, or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which are enclosed as Annexure -27.

Condition No.(xix):- No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which are enclosed as Annexure -28.



<u>Condition No.(xx):-</u> 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that both the concerned DFOs will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.

<u>Condition No.(xxi):-</u> The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year which are enclosed as Annexure -29.

<u>Condition No.(xxii):-</u> Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency which are enclosed as Annexure -30.

<u>Condition No. (xxiii):-</u> The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which are enclosed as Annexure-31.

<u>Condition No.(xxiv):-</u> 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act,

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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 which are enclosed as **Annexure -32**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 38.062 ha of forest land (23.153 ha in Koraput Forest Division + 14.909 ha in Rayagada Forest Division) for establishment of Aluminium Refinery Plant at Kansariguda by M/s HINDALCO Industries Limited in the Districts of Koraput and Rayagada in Odisha under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 16234 /Dt. 12.08-2024

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No..5-ORC568/2023-BHU dated 29.12.2023 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 437/FE&CC dated 06.01.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16235 /Dt. 12.08.2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 2660 dated 31.07.2024.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Memo No. 16236 /Dt. 12.08.2024 Copy forwarded to the DFO, Koraput and Rayagada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2661 dated 31.07.2024 of the RCCF, Koraput Circle to their address.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16237 /Dt. 12.08.2024

Copy forwarded to the Assistant Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, M/s HINDALCO Industries Ltd, J-6, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Pin-751013 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 442/FE&CC dated 06.01.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)