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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Sub:- Proposal for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd. – Stage-I Compliance regarding.

Ref: F.No.8-17/2022-FC (Pt) dated 10.01.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF& CC (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide their F.No.8-17/2022-FC (Pt) dated 10.01.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF & CC (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to fulfilment of 11 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 18 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 report of the DFO, Koraput 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 and compliance is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval

(1) Compensatory Afforestation:-

Condition No. (i):- The Compensatory Afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. of 1400 ha shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost;

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the CA over 1400 ha of Degraded Forest land and further 140 ha degraded forest land identified in lieu of MDF of 139 ha in Godmark PRF under Laxmipur Range in Koraput Division against the diversion of 697.979 ha shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the Project cost within 3 years of Stage-II approval.

Condition No.(ii):- *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;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the CA over 1400 ha has been approved by the PCCF(FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) for Rs. 126,18,59,400/- and 140 ha of degraded forest land for Rs.7,88,49,300/- totalling to Rs.134,07,08,700/- (**Annexure-A**) with maintenance for 10 years. The DFO, Koraput Division has accordingly raised the demand vide memo No.383 dt.20.01.2023 to deposit the said amount in the CAMPA account (**Annexure-A-I(i)**). In compliance to this condition, NALCO has deposited an amount of Rs.2,00,92,19,027/- [out of which Rs.1,34,07,08,700/- towards CA (i.e. for 1400 Ha Rs.126,18,59,400/- + for 140 Ha Rs.7,88,49,300/- in lieu of MDF of 139 Ha) & Rs.66,85,10,327/- towards NPV Cost] in ORISSA CAMPA account No.150825829981389 of Union Bank Lodi Road New Delhi vide RTGS UTR No.SBINR12023020830827876 dated 08.02.2023. The deposit particulars is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A-I (ii)**. The CA scheme has also included planting of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for work schedule.

Condition No.(iii):- *The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area appended in form of soft copy (**pen drive**). The diverted area and CA areas have been uploaded in the e-Green portal of MoEF & CC by the office of DFO Koraput division.

Condition (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 with guidelines dated 19.01.2022.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the DFO, Koraput Forest Division has raised demand vide letter No.378 dated 20.1.2023 for an amount of Rs.66,85,10,327/- ($697.979 \times \text{Rs.}9,57,780$ –for Eco Class-III and density of vegetation 0.1) (**Annexure-A-II (i)**) and accordingly, NALCO has deposited an amount of Rs.66,85,10,327/- towards NPV out of part deposit of Rs.2,00,92,19,027/- in ORISSA CAMPA account No.150825829981389 of Union Bank Lodhi Road, New Delhi vide RTGS UTR No.SBINR12023020830827876 dt.08.02.2023. The deposit particulars is enclosed as **Annexure-A-I (ii)**.

Condition (3):- *Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the Project shall be transferred/ deposited through e-challan, in to the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited the compensatory levies through e-challan into the account of CAMPA. The statement of funds deposited by the user agency into the account of CAMPA in prescribed format duly signed by the DFO, Koraput Forest division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-A-III**.

Condition (4):- *Following activities as per approved plan/scheme, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval*

(i) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and chocking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and chocking of stream duly approved for an amount of Rs.32,35,759/- and the scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV (ia)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the scheme within a period of three years with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV(i)**.

(ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for planting of drought hardy species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease area to arrest soil erosion duly approved for an amount of Rs.80,42,190/- and the scheme has been enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV (iia)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the scheme at the project cost which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV(ii)**.

(iii) Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated materials along the contour duly approved for an amount of Rs.95,84,122/- and the scheme has also enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV (iiaa)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme at the project cost, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV(iii)**.

(iv) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 280 and.

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching has been duly approved for an amount of Rs.3,37,28,945/- and the scheme has also enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV (iva)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme at the project cost, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV(iv)**.

(v) *No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for non damage caused to the top soil has been duly approved for an amount of Rs.1,25,75,320/- and the scheme has also enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV (va)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Forest Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme at the project cost, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV(v)**.

Condition (5):- *User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II Clearance*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and to rejuvenate the degraded open forest located within 100 meters from outer perimeter of mining lease duly approved for an amount of Rs.42,38,92,861/- and the scheme has been enclosed as **Annexure-A-V (i)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Forest Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme and the amount has already been deposited in CAMPA fund vide UTR No.SBINR12033052050478599 dated 20.05.2023 [42,38,92,861 (gap planting & SMC) + 4,45,65,142 (1.5 times safety zone) = 46,84,58,003/-], which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-V**. The deposit particular is enclosed as **Annexure-A-V (ia)**.

Condition (6):- *The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS coordinates 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/water bodies. 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.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for desilting of village tanks of Lengigurna and Pottangi Village, water bodies located within 5 Km from the mine lease boundary to mitigate the impact of siltation duly approved for an amount of Rs.5,56,901/- and the scheme has also enclosed as **Annexure-A-VI (i)**.

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The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme at the project cost, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VI**.

Condition (7):- Safety Zone Management: *Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:*

(i) User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that shall ensure demarcation of Safety Zone (7.5 meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VII (i)**.

(ii) Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that the boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VII (ia)**.

(iii) Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for Fencing, Protection & Afforestation of the Safety Zone area over 23.40 ha as green belt and to ensure dense canopy duly approved for an amount of Rs.3,11,58,035/- and the scheme has been enclosed as **Annexure A-VII (ib)**. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VII(ic)**.

(iv) Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed to the MoEF & CC with shape files before Stage-II approval and Afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department, and

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that a scheme has been prepared for afforestation over 36 ha in degraded forest land identified in Rabalpodu

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DPF measuring 1.5 time safety zone duly approved for an amount of Rs.4,45,65,142/- and the details scheme has also enclosed as **Annexure-A-VII (iia)**. The Safety Zone area shown in Toposheet No.E44L2 and the DGPS map of the Safety Zone area is enclosed with the scheme. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to implement the same in accordance with the approved scheme and the amount has already been deposited in CAMPA fund vide UTR No.SBINR12033052050478599 Dated 20.05.2023 [42,38,92,861 (gap planting & SMC) + 4,45,65,142 (1.5 times safety zone) = 46,84,58,003/-], which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VII (ii)**. The payment particulars are enclosed as **Annexure-A-V (ia)**.

(v) The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the User agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Forest Division to maintain the Safety Zone area as per the prescribed norms in consultation with the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure-VII (iii)**.

Condition (8):- *The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the User agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Forest Division that the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited as per the demand raised by the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-VIII**.

Condition (9):- Wildlife Management Plan:- *Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan to mitigate the impact of project on wildlife of the area shall be prepared by the state Government in consultation with the P.C.C.F. & Chief Wildlife Warden of State at Project cost and an approved copy of the same along with detail of deposition of funds into the CAMPA account shall be submitted to the Ministry along with Stage-I compliance.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan has been prepared and technically approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha vide his letter No.2237 dt.2.3.2023 for an amount of Rs.14,35,62,100/- and the letter is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IX (ia)**. Accordingly, the DFO, Koraput Forest Division has raised demand for the said amount vide letter No.1296 dt.4.3.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IX (ib)**. The said amount has already been deposited in ad-hoc- CAMPA fund vide-UTR No SBINR12023040341586728 dt.03.04.2023 and the payment particulars is enclosed as **Annexure- A- IX**. The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for Pottangi Bauxite Mine is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IX (ic)**.

Condition (10):- *State Government shall complete settlement of right, 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; and*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the certificate under FRA issued by the Collector-cum-Chairman, Dist. Level Committee, Koraput vide No.3122 dated 11.11.2021 which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-X**. The **SDLC, DLC Proceedings and the Gram Sabha Resolution** in Odia and English Version are enclosed as **Annexure-A-X (i)**.

Condition (11):- *The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division to upload the compliance report in parivesh portal, which is enclosed as **Annexure-A-XI**.

B. Conditions which need to be 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.

Condition (1):- *Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that the legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure B-I**.

Condition (2):- *Compensatory Afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised by the State Forests Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that double in extent to the forest land being diverted has been identified over 1400 ha of Degraded Forest land and further 140 ha degraded forest land identified in lieu of MDF of 139 ha in Godmark PRF under Laxmipur Range in Koraput Division against the diversion of 697.979 ha for CA. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised by Koraput Forest Division within the prescribed period of three years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval.

Condition (3):- *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*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that at the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed as **Annexure B-II**.

Condition (4):- *Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that trees

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shall be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-III**.

Condition (5):- 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-IV**.

Condition (6):-The User Agency Shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the NODAL Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act,1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency, the NODAL Officer or the concern Addl. PCCF (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that Mining shall be done in a phased manner after taking due care of reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the NODAL Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act,1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-V**.

Condition (7):- The User agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining the 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-VI**.

Condition (8):- 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.

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-VII.**

Condition (9):- *The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if required.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the Environmental Clearance issued vide GoI, MoEF & CC, I.A. Division vide No.IA-J-11015/8/2018-IA-II(M) dated 30.6.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure B-VIII.**

Condition (10):- *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 the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-IX.**

Condition (11):- *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.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the boundary of the diverted Forest Land, mining lease, as applicable, has been 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 and the details is furnished as **Annexure-B-X.** The details is enclosed as **Annexure-B- X (i).**

Condition (12):- *The Layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Govt. and the Forest Land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that the layout plan of the mining plan shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal, which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XI.**

Condition (13):- *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.*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XII.**

Condition (14):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XIII.**

Condition (15):- *The user agency shall submit the annual self- compliance report in respect of the above stated condition to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that the user agency shall submit the annual self- compliance report in respect of the above stated condition to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XIV.**

Condition (16):- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry may stipulate with the approval competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry may stipulate with the approval competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XV.**

Condition (17):- *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 this project if any, for the time being in force as applicable to the project.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that 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 this project if any, for the time being in force as applicable to the project which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XVI.**

Condition (18):- *Violation of any of these condition 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 Hand Book of Comprehensive guideline of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 as issued by this ministry's Letter No. 5-2/2017- FC Dated 28.03.2019.*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Koraput Division that violation of any of these condition 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 Hand Book of Comprehensive guideline of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this ministry's Letter No. 5-2/2017-FC Dated 28.03.2019 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B-XVII**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of Government of India, MoEF & CC (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


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

Memo No. 15075 / Dt. 26-07-2023

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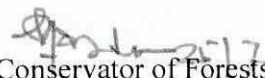
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