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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 15th November, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Jharkhand,
Ranchi

Sub: Transfer of Stage-I approval dated 11.04.2013 granted for exploratory drilling over 402.91 ha of forest land to Rohne Coal Block in District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) from erstwhile user agency i.e. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited to M/s NMDC – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Coal's letter no. NA-103/7/2019/NA dated 20th September, 2021 on the above subject requesting this Ministry to transfer the approvals granted for exploratory drilling over an area of 402.91 ha of forest land located in Rohne Coal Block in Hazaribagh District from the original user agency i.e. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited to M/s NMDC in whose favour the coal block has been allotted by the Ministry of Coal, in accordance with para 5.4 of the Guidelines given under the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this connection, after careful examination of the proposal for transfer of forest clearance and on the basis of recommendations of the Ministry of Coal, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for transfer of approval dated 11.04.2013 granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for exploratory drilling over an area of 402.91 ha located in Rohne Coal Block in District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) from the erstwhile user agency i.e. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited to M/s NMDC, subject to the conditions as given below:

- i. Approval transfer charges @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000/- (1 Lakh) whichever is less will be realized from the new user agency and will be deposited in the account of CAMPA, through e-challan, pertaining to the State concerned before execution of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- ii. Reimbursement of amount paid by the original user agency shall be dealt with in the manner, as provided in the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and Rules framed thereunder.
- iii. The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act if not paid earlier. The new user agency shall also furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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- iv. The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- v. The State Government shall ensure that compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approvals dated 23.03.2012 read with letter dated 26.02.2013 (for 567 ha), 7.11.2013 (for 211.23 u/s 2 (iii) and 24.01.2014 (11.65 ha safety zone area) is submitted to the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Asst Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
4. Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
5. User Agencies;
 - a. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited
 - b. M/s National Mineral Development Corporation
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
7. Guard File.