

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

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**Dated: 18th November, 2021**

To

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

**Sub: Transfer of Stage-I approval dated 23.01.2013 read with letter dated 26.02.2013 (for 567 ha), 07.11.2013 (for 211.23 ha under Section 2 (iii)) and dated 24.01.2014 (for 11.65 ha of forest land falling in the safety zone) granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 789.88 ha for Rohne Opencast Coal Mining Project from erstwhile user agency i.e. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited to M/s NMDC – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Coal's letter no. NA-103/7/2019/NA dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 on the above subject requesting this Ministry's to transfer its approvals granted under Section 2 (ii) and section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to Rohne Coal Block in Hazaribagh District from 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, I am directed to say that 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 'in-principle' approvals dated 23.01.2013 read with letter dated 26.02.2013 (for 567 ha), 07.11.2013 (for 211.23 ha under Section 2 (iii)) and dated 24.01.2014 (for 11.65 ha of forest land falling in the safety zone) granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 789.88 ha for Rohne Opencast Coal Mining Project 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:

- Lease 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 the State concerned before execution of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- 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.
- 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.

- The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- The State Government shall upload the kml files of the area under diversion and accepted non-forest land and degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation on the E- Green Watch portal of FSI and detail of the same shall be submitted along with the compliance of Stage-I approval.
- The user agency shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which ae have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora , fauna, etc.
- 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 faithfully,  
Sd/-

**(Suneet Bharadwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.