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

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Dated:As per e-Sign

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers Private Limited for non-forestry use of 94.351 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha of Safety Zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted Lol for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. 23151/9F (MG)-11/2022 dated 19.11.2024 on the above subject forwarding a report of compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2023 and to inform that after examination of the compliance report the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. As per condition no 6 of the 'in-principle' approval a holistic transportation plan is required to be prepared by the State Government aiming to have minimum impact in the landscape. The said plan has not been submitted. Further, the State shall also ensure that the said plan and the transportation of ore shall be as per the recommendation in the report submitted by CSIR-NEERI; Transportation of ore should be as far as possible through common conveyor belt, slurry pipeline, railways, etc. Transportation of ore through road should be minimized in a time bound manner.
- ii. With regard to conditions no. 8 of Stage-I approval the Integrated Regional

Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared for 10 years covering the forest Division of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda and Keonjhar Districts at the cost of UA. The works shall be executed as per APO and the regional plan shall have site / species specific wildlife sub plans/prescriptions. However, the State has neither submitted the copy of the plan, nor it has been clarified whether the site / species specific wildlife sub plans/prescriptions have been included in the plan or not. The state shall do the needful and submit the plan accordingly along with the detail of funds deposited.

- iii. With regard to conditions no. 9 of Stage-I approval, State Government has not submitted the copy of approved Bio-diversity Conservation Plan for the entire landscape. The same needs to be submitted along with the detail of funds deposited.
- iv. With regard to conditions no. 10 of Stage-I approval, User agency has not deposited funds in account of State CAMPA towards implementation of the Scheme for Soil and moisture conservation measures around 10 KM radius of the mining lease areas.
- v. The State Govt. has not provided the GPS ID and proof so that it can be verified that the KML file has been uploaded on the E-green watch portal. The same is required.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.