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

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Dated: December, 2022

To

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 210.526 ha of additional forest land of Jhillingburu - I mining lease for iron ore in favour of M/s. Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (SAIL) in Saranda Forest Division in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand-reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's No. Vanbhumi/65/2010-3094/V.P. dated 18.10.2022, forwarding therewith compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 25.09.2017 and to say that the examination of the compliance report revealed the following:

- i. In compliance to condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval dated 25.09.2017 regarding deposition of cost of Integrated Wildlife Management Plan, on proportionate basis has not been deposited into the account of CAMPA. The same needs to be deposited into the account of CAMPA, through e-payment portal, and detail of the same may be provided to the Ministry before Stage-II approval.
- ii. In compliance to condition no. (iv) of Stage-I approval i.e. to ensure compliance of condition regarding safe movement of elephants, a copy of scheme/Plan, if any, prepared by the user agency, may be informed by the State.
- iii. Scheme of afforestation for undertaking afforestation along the 250 belt along the Karo river, if any prepared by the user agency, in compliance to condition no (vi) and similarly, scheme or Plan, if any, prepared in compliance of condition no. (viii) of Stage-I approval, may be intimated by the State.
- iv. In compliance to condition no (viii) of Stage-I approval, details of transaction dated 30.03.2022 for Rs. 9.2 crores rupees deposited into the account of CAMPA may be provided by the State, along with a copy of approved CAT Plan.
- v. Updated status report of action taken by the user agency in compliance of condition no. (xiii) regarding approval of Standing Committee of the NBWL will be informed by the State.
- vi. Copies of scheme/Plans prepared in compliance to condition no. (xix) of the Stage-I approval may be provided by the State Government.
- vii. From the perusal of the condition no. (xxxv), it may be ascertained that SMC Plan and afforestation plan within an area of 100 meter perimeter along the

- outer boundary of lease is to be prepared by the user agency. The same needs to be prepared and submitted along with detail of cost of its implementation deposited into the account of CAMPA.
- viii. Undertaking, obtained from the user agency in compliance to conditions no.(v) (ix) (xi) (xxi) (xxii) have not been received along with the compliance, the same may be submitted.
- ix. The State Government may also confirm, if the NPV in the instant case has been realized as per the revised rates of NPV conveyed vide Ministry's letter dated 6.01.2022 or otherwise.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

(Charan Jeet Singh)

Scientist 'D'

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
- 6. Guard File.