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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Dated: 29th December, 2021

To

The Regional Officer (Central),

Integrated Regional Office,

Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha & Re-diversion (Change of Land use) of 171.774 ha forest land in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for Integrated Lakhanpur-Belpahar-Lilari Opencast Coal Mining Project in district Jharsuguda (Odisha)- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0142-2021-20500/ FE&CC dated 24.11.2021 submitting above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may kindly carry out site inspection of area proposed for diversion as well as area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit a report on the same to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)

Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File