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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aligani,

New Delhi – 110003 Date: As per E-Sign

To,

The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Subject: Proposal for prior approval under section 2 (1) (iii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for 153.09 ha forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapali, Dist. Gadchiroli in Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-36A16/CR-402/F-10 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (iii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for 153.09 ha forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapali, Dist. Gadchiroli in Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd.

In this regard, the Regional Office, Nagpur in accordance to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules,2023, Rule 10 sub rule (4) shall conduct the site inspection of the subject cited proposal and submit the site inspection report to the Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;
- 2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

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