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

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Dated: March, 2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests), EFS &T Department, Telangana Secretariat, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.

Sub: Regularization of 330.33 ha (330.1826) Ha RF in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) - Stage -I accorded by the MoEF&CC, GoI - Request for Modification/ deletion of certain conditions- Reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the User Agency letter No. CRP/EST/F/401A/58 dated 23.01.2024 (*copy enclosed*) on the above mentioned subject proposal.

2. In this regard I am also directed to inform that the Ministry vide letter of even No. dated 21.11.2023 has granted Stage-I approval w.r.t. regularization of 330.33 ha (330.1826) Ha RF in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Peddapalli Division, Telangana for Ramagundam Coal Mine Mining Operations and other activities in favour of SCCL subject to conditions including the condition no. 3:

Condition No: 3 -

"The State Govt. shall impose a penalty of five (5) times the NPV for 330.33 ha which is the area under violation, plus 12 percent simple interest on the total amount so calculated from 01.08.2013 till the actual date of deposit as penalty for violation of FCA 1980;

3. Now the user agency has submitted a representation to the Ministry with a request to delete the above condition from the Stage-I approval. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to examine the matter and provide their comments for further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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- 1. PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Telangana.
- 2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Chennai.

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 APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF (HoFF), Government of Telangana.
- 5. User Agency.6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.