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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

To,

## **The Principal Secretary (Forests),** Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 353.764 ha. of forest land (instead of 390.264 ha. of forest land) in favour of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited, for Bina KakriOpen Cast Coal Mining, under Forest Division and District Singaruali in the State of Madhya Pradesh -regarding (Online proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/20225/2016) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/20225/2016/2599 dated 26.06.2023 and Regional office, Bhopal letter No. 6-MPA025/2018-BHO/274 dated 27.12.2023 on the above mentioned subject regarding the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-1 approval and the issue raised by the State in case of condition at Sr no. (iii) of the Stage-I/In-principle approval issued vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 13.01.2020.

In this regard, it is informed that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Committee recommended to delete the condition at Sr no (iii) of the Stage-1 approval dated 13.01.2020. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and based upon the approval of the same by the competent authority, it has been decided to delete the following condition given at Sr no. (iii) of Stage-I approval dated 13.01.2020:

"The copy of report of FSI, Nagpur regarding inability to redraw the

proposal on the lines of analysis of Amelia Coal Block shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval".

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

-/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

## Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.