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

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**Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

To

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

**Sub: Request of the user agency i.e. NMDC Limited for Amendment in conditions of the transferred approval of exploratory drilling in 402.91 ha forest area from previous use agency i.e. M/s Rohne Coal Company Private Limited to M/s NMDC Limited.**  
Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of representation dated 18.12.2021, received from user agency M/s NMDC Limited on above subject requesting for amendment in condition no. (v) of transfer approval dated 15.11.2021 and Stage-I approval dated 11.04.2013 granted by the Ministry in respect of extant proposal. In this connection, it is inform that matter has been examined by the Ministry and following was observed:

- i. Request of the User agency to amend condition no. (v) of transfer approval dated 15.11.2021 does not deserve consideration as the approvals dated 23.01.2013 read with letter dated 26.02.2013 (for 567 ha), 7.11.2013 (for 211.23 u/s 2 (iii) and 24.01.2014 (11.65 ha safety zone area) have been granted in favour of same user agency i.e. M/s NDMC and for the same coal block where permission of prospecting has also been granted. Therefore, user agency needs to ensure compliance of said condition.
- ii. Similarly, the user agency is also require to abide by the condition no. (x) of Stage-I approval dated 11.04.2013 in view of the fact that period of approval for prospecting will be co-terminus with the prospecting license to be granted under the MMDR Act, 1957 and so far no final approval of the Central Government has been obtained by the State. State Government may therefore intimate the detail of prospecting license, if any obtained by the user agency under the relevant provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and and status of progress made in the submission of compliance of Stage-I approval dated 11.04.2013 granted for prospecting over 402.91 ha.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to inform the user agency accordingly and to ensure the compliance of conditions stipulated in the approvals granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. State Government is also requested to submit information as indicated under para (ii) above, to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
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**Copy to:**

1. Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi
3. Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Govt of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File