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(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for transfer of approval from M/s Jindal Steel and Power Ltd to M/s Jindal Steel Odisha Limited in respect of 134.618 ha forest land out of 168.232 ha of forest land already diverted for establishment of an Integrated Steel Plant by in Angul Forest Division of Angul District in Odisha -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0156-2021-25080/F&E dated 02.12.2023 on above mentioned subject seeking approval of the Central Government for transfer of approval from M/s Jindal Steel and Power Ltd to M/s Jindal Steel Odisha Limited in respect of 134.618 ha forest land out of 168.232 ha of forest land already diverted for establishment of an Integrated Steel Plant by in Angul Forest Division of Angul District in Odisha in accordance with the provisions of the para 5.1 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Rules framed thereunder. In this connection, it is to inform that the said proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Adhinyam.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for transfer of approval from M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited to M/s Jindal Steel Odisha Limited in respect of forest land of 134.618 ha forest land out of total 168.232 ha of forest land already granted approval under the Adhinyam on 28.10.2010 for establishment of an Integrated Steel Plant by M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd to M/s Jindal Steel Odisha Limited subject to following conditions:

- i. *The State Government shall ensure that user agency shall pay the applicable transfer fee in accordance with the rates prescribed in Chapter-5 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 rules and guidelines framed thereunder and the amount realized from the user agency shall be deposited in to the account of State CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA).*
- ii. *The user Agency shall ensure to provide adequate measures of accessibility to the patches of revenue lands (forest and non-forest) without any*

hindrances to the authorities as well as private individuals.

- iii. *The State Government shall revisit the provisions of the Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan, already prepared for its implementation in the area, and if needed its provisions shall be further strengthened to minimize the issue of human-wildlife conflicts in the area at the cost of the user agency.*
- iv. The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 28.10.2010 on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency;
- v. The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Central Government/Regional Offices/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife;
- vi. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
- vii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Rules framed thereunder issued by the Ministry vide its letter dated 29.12.2023.

Yours faithfully,

(Amit Anand)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, MoEF&CC.
4. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
5. User Agencies;
 - a. M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.
 - b. M/s Jindal Steel Odisha Limited.
6. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi