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

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Dated: As per e-Sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for Compensatory Afforestation on alternative sites in case of plantation through other schemes on the originally proposed compensatory/penal afforestation for Sirka Open Cast Mining project of M/s Central Coalfield Limited-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. VanBhumi-41/2023-4211/V.P. dated 07.11.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for plantation on alternative CA sites. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and with due approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change the approval is hereby granted for raising Compensatory Afforestation on alternative degraded forest land sites over 101.6 ha in case of Sirka Open Cast Mining project subject to following conditions:

- i. Delay in raising of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) plantation was viewed seriously by the committee. In order to facilitate CA the request of State as recommended by Regional Office has been agreed. However, it should not be taken as precedence and additional cost for CA plantation is to be

managed by the State at its own level.

- ii. Compensatory Afforestation is crucial for maintaining ecological stability. Therefore, the balance CA must be carried out within next two (2) years positively. This is required for maintaining a green and healthy environment in the State of Jharkhand.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

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Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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