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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi-110003 Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

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The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest) Government of Uttarakhand Dehradun

Sub: Permission for collection of minor mineral and sand mining during the month of June 2023 in favour of the UKFDC in respect of the diversion of 1497 ha of forest land of Gaula River under Division Lalkuvan and Haldwani, District Nainital-reg.

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the Letter no. 756/X-3-23/02(17)/2022 dated 07.06.2023 of the State Government vide which it has been conveyed that the State Government could not complete the planned collection of minor minerals due to unseasonal rains. The State Government intends to continue the mining/collection of minerals during the month of June 2023 and accordingly the relaxation of the following condition has been sought by the State Government:

Extraction of Minor minerals shall be restricted from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> May of subsequent year.

In this regard, the matter has been examined in the ministry and with the approval of competent authority it has been decided that the collection of minor minerals as permitted in the subject cited project may be allowed to continue till 30th June, 2023, as a one time relaxation as per the approval under Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 subject to compliance of the stipulated conditions and all other statutory approvals and requirements applicable.

Yours Sincerely

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

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- 1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- 2. APCCF com Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- 3. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC, IRO, Dehradun.

- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of the FC Division.