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

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Dated: 01st July, 2021

To,

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests),

Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

2. The Regional Officer

Integrated Regional Office Bhopal

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 201.079 ha of forest land for Tawa -II underground coal mining in favour M/s Western Coal Fields Limited, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017/10-11/1492 dated 06.05.2021 of APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on the above subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 14.05.2018 and to say that on examination of the said information following shortcoming have been observed: -

i. The compliance of condition no. (iii), (viii), (ix), (xi), (xviii), (xxv) of Stage-I

approval shall be submitted.

ii. The Regional Office, Bhopal shall submit the report regarding status of the forest clearance and the on-going mining activities without valid Forest clearance under section 2(ii) of the FC Act, 1980 and the User Agency shall provide the copy of FC granted in past along with the details of the mining area of Tawa-II underground mining project over 520 ha which as per the EC report is forest land as per condition no. (iv) of Stage-I approval.

iii. The Regional Office, Bhopal shall submit the comprehensive report on the

Forest clearance as per condition no. (v) of Stage-I approval.

iv. The User Agency shall deposit the NPV for the entire 520 ha as per condition no. (vi) of Stage-I approval.

v. The State Government shall submit the lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement as per condition no. (xv) of Stage-I approval.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

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(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 3. User Agency.
- 4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.