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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Dated: 27th July, 2022

To,
The Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 697.797 ha forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District by M/s NALCO Ltd.- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0056-2022-11955/FE&CC dated 08.07.2022 for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and, in accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, to request the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, to carry out site inspection of the proposed area and the area identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation and to submit a detailed Site Inspection Report (SIR) to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.