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

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The Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Regional Office, Shillong Shillong

Subject Proposal for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Forest Land for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh– regarding request for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of forest land for open cast coal mining in Namchak Namphuk Coal Mine in changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh along with Stage-I and Stage-II approval granted in favour of M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/611/2003)- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to invite your kind attention to Ministry letter of even number dated 17.06.2024 wherein, it was observed that in site inspection report submitted by the Regional Office, Shillong it is mentioned that there is no report of violation under FCA nor observed. However, examination of KML file of forest area for which Stage- I approval was accorded (i.e. 128.97 ha.) clearly demarcating 39.02 ha. for which Stage- II approval was granted in DSS revealed that nonforestry activity has been carried out outside the approved forest land i.e. 39.02 ha. In this regard, Regional Office, Shillong was requested to offer comments on nonforestry activities that area visible in the DSS for the extant mining proposal to the Ministry for further consideration.

Comments from Regional Office, Shillong has not been submitted till date. In this regard, Regional Office, Shillong is once again requested to offer comments on non-forestry activities that are visible in the DSS for the extant mining proposal to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

<u>Sd-</u>

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