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

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Dated: 19th September, 2022

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Transfer of approval received under Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land in respect of Kalmang West (Northern Part) Iron ore Block (ML Area-92.875 ha) in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District, Odisha from M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited to M/s Tata Steel Limited -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0044-2021-5736/F&E dated 21.07.2022, on the above mentioned subject seeking approval of Central Government for transfer of Stage-I approval dated 31.01.2022 granted under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of said proposal in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. Copy of undertaking from the new user agency to abide by the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 31.01.2022 has not been submitted by the user agency
- ii. Copy of undertaking from the new user agency to pay the transfer fee @10% of NPV or Rs. 100,000 whichever is less has not been submitted along with the proposal.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry, enabling further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully, Sd/-(Charan Jeet Singh) Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
- 4. User Agency
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
- 6. Guard File