F. No. 8-75/2008-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests (FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan CGO Complex, Lodhi Road New Delhi-110 003 Dated: 29th January, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 168.232 ha of forest land in Angul district of Orissa for establishment of an Integrated Steel Complex with captive power plant by M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F(Cons)-49/2013-21206/ F & E date 15th October 2013 on the above-mentioned subject wherein it was informed that 11.21 hecatres of non-forest land was used by the Project Proponent for various project related activities before grant of stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 168.232 hectares of forest land in Angul district of Orissa for establishment of an Integrated Steel Complex with captive power plant by M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. The matter has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful examination of the matter, I am directed to say that approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 168.232 hectares of forest land in Angul district of Odisha for establishment of an Integrated Steel Complex with captive power plant by M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. accorded by this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 28th October 2010 shall be subject to fulfillment of the following additional conditions:

- (i) State Government shall raise penal compensatory afforestation from the funds to be provided by the user agency over degraded forest land equal in extent to the 11.21 hectares of non-forest land utilised by the user agency for execution of various project related activities prior to grant of stage-I approval under the FC Act for diversion of forest land required for the project.
- (ii) State Government shall realise cost of creation and maintenance of penal compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land equal in extent to 11.21 hectares of non-forest land utilised by the user agency for execution of various project related activities prior to grant of stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land

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required for the project and transfer the same to the concerned Saving Bank Account in the Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003 under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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- 2. The Nodal Officer (FC), O/o the PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
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- 4. User Agency
- 5. Regional Office (HQ)
- 6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF.

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