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To
 The Divisional Forest Officer,
 Sundargarh Forest Division,
 Sundargarh, Odisha.

Sub: Submission of Compliance of Stage-I Forest Clearance (Proposal No.: FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020) for Kulda OCP (Expansion) Project – reg.

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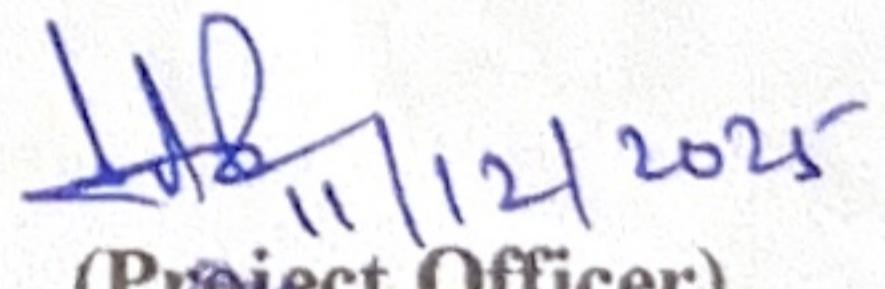
1. Stage-I Forest Clearance (FC) for Kulda OCP (134.69 Ha) issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India dated 10.07.2025.

Respected Sir,

With due regards please find herewith necessary documents of Stage-I compliance report for diversion of 134.69 Ha of Forest land of Kulda Expansion OCP bearing Proposal No.: FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020 and Stage-I Approval Date: 10.07.2025.

This is for your kind information and needful action please.

Yours faithfully,
 (for & on behalf of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited)


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 (Project Officer)
 Kulda OCP, Basundhara Area
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Compliance Report of Stage-I Approval

Project: Kulda Expansion OCP, Basundhara Area, MCL

Forest Land: 134.69 ha

Proposal No.: FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020

Stage-I Approval Date: 10.07.2025

1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

In compliance to the stipulated condition, it is agreed that the legal status of 134.69 ha of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged and an undertaking to the above effect is enclosed as Annexure-I.

2(a). Compensatory Afforestation (CA) – The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal;

In compliance to the above, CA scheme for 280.9 ha degraded forest land has been prepared by the State Forest Dept. ensuring 500 seedlings/ha, and MCL has deposited ₹10,99,09,200.00 towards CA as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in the state specific CAMPA account. The payment proof is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II.

2(b). The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, MCL has completed the work of survey, demarcation, and erection of permanent pillars on the identified compensatory afforestation land. The site-specific CA scheme also provides for afforestation of indigenous species and includes maintenance for 10 years, with provisions for anticipated cost escalations for works scheduled in subsequent years. Payment proof and approved CA scheme are enclosed as Annexure-III.

2(c). The compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land i.e. 280.9 ha, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost and the afforestation works shall start within two years from the date of grant of final approval;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, it is agreed that the compensatory afforestation over 280.9 ha of degraded forest land will be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost. The afforestation works will be initiated within two years from the date of grant of final approval. An undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure-IV.

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2 (d). The State shall ensure that the CA scheme is prepared to accommodate at least 1000 seedlings/ha over DFL identified for CA. In case 1000 saplings cannot be accommodated per hectare in the DFL identified for CA, the balance seedlings will be planted in any RF/PF as per prescription of the working plan. The State Government will intimate the name/details of the RFs/PFs areas in which the balanced seedlings are to be planted. The user agency shall deposit the cost of plantation of the same.

In compliance to the above, it is submitted that Para 2.8(ii) of the Handbook of Guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, GoI on 28.03.2019 also contained similar provisions regarding accommodating 1000 saplings per hectare over DFL identified for CA. However, the said paragraph was **deleted as per the decision of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC)** in its meeting held on **23.04.2019** (Agenda No.11).

Furthermore, the **extant consolidated guidelines** issued by MoEF&CC, GoI on **29.12.2023** do not prescribe any such provision regarding the mandatory accommodation of 1000 seedlings per hectare in DFL identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA). The condition imposed in the present proposal also **contradicts the guidelines** communicated on **08.11.2017** related to the number of seedlings to be planted against the forest land proposed for diversion.

In view of the above, it is humbly submitted that the requirement of accommodating at least **1000 seedlings per hectare** over the DFL identified for CA in respect of the present diversion proposal **may not be applicable**.

Accordingly, the **CA scheme prepared over an area of 280.90 ha.** of degraded forest land identified under the jurisdiction of **Sundargarh Forest Division** for Compensatory Afforestation, as per DSS analysis report, **accommodates 1,40,450 seedlings** against the required **1,34,690 seedlings**, which compensates the loss of trees at a ratio of **more than 1000 seedlings per hectare** in lieu of **134.69 ha.** of forest land proposed for diversion. Annexure-V.

NPV: 3(a). The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC (pt.) dated 29.12.2023 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned; 3(a). Net Present Value (NPV) as per Hon'ble Supreme Court orders.

In compliance to the above, **₹16,54,78,787.00** has been deposited via Parivesh portal. Payment proof is attached herewith as Annexure-VI.

3(b). At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; Undertaking to pay additional NPV if revised by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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In compliance to the above, an undertaking to this effect is being submitted for payment of additional NPV, if required, and is attached herewith as **Annexure-VII**.

4) The State Govt. shall submit the compliance report in respect of Stage-I approval accorded to M/s MCL in Bashundhara washery by MoEF&CC vide letter no 8-176/1997 FC(Vol) dated 11.03.2019;

In compliance to the above, the complete compliance report is attached herewith as **Annexure-VIII**.

5) The user agency shall prepare a schedule for surrender of the mined out and reclaimed Forest land in accordance with existing mine plan and submit the same along with an undertaking to surrender the mined out and reclaimed forest land as per such schedule to the ministry before grant of final approval under the Adhiniyam for diversion of said Forest land.

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a schedule for surrender of mined out and reclaimed forest land in accordance with existing Mining plan cum Mine closure Plan for Kulda OCP (Expansion) project, Basundhara Area, has been prepared and approved. The copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-IX**.

6) A wildlife plan should be prepared for conservation and mitigation of impact on wildlife in consultation with CWLW and the same should be approved and monies deposited before final approval.

In compliance to this effect, a Site-specific Wild Life Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW and accordingly an amount of ₹ 11,15,12,000.00 has been deposited into the state specific CAMPA account. The copy of approval and the payment proof is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-X**.

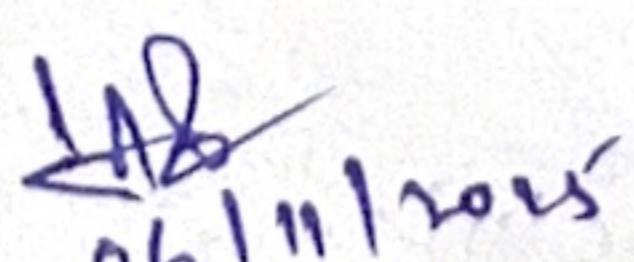
7) Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

In compliance to the stipulated condition, all payments (CA, NPV, WLMP etc) has been made via Parivesh portal into the CAMPA account. The payment proof is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-XI**.

8) The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details prior to final approval;

In compliance to this effect, the respective KML files have been uploaded on Parivesh/e-Green Watch.

9) Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department;
a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be


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implemented within a period of three years with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a scheme amounting to ₹ 63,01,556.00 has been prepared and approved for implementation of mitigative measures to control soil erosion and prevent choking of streams, in accordance with the approved Mining plan cum Mine closure Plan and in consultation with the State Forest Department. The approved scheme is attached herewith as **Annexure-XII**.

9 b). Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a comprehensive scheme amounting to ₹ 8,58,44,558.00 has been prepared and approved for planting of adequate drought-hardy species and sowing of suitable seeds within the mining lease area to arrest soil erosion, in accordance with the approved Mining plan cum Mine closure Plan and in consultation with the State Forest Department. The approved scheme is attached herewith as **Annexure-XIII**.

9 c). Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;

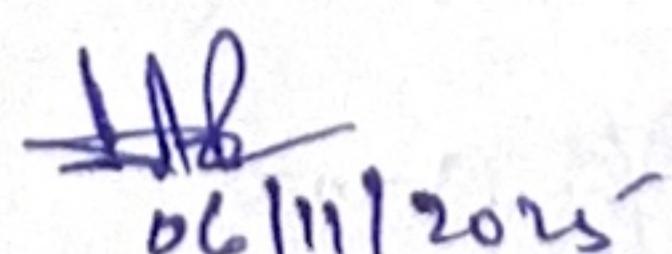
In compliance to the stipulated condition, a scheme amounting to ₹ 5,92,52,400.00 has been prepared and approved for construction of check dams, retention walls, and toe walls along the contours to arrest sliding and movement of excavated material, in accordance with the approved Mining plan cum Mine closure Plan and in consultation with the State Forest Department. The approved scheme is attached herewith as **Annexure-XIV**.

9 d). Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a scheme amounting to ₹ 37,68,720.00 has been prepared and submitted for stabilization of overburden dumps through appropriate grading and benching, ensuring that the angle of repose at all locations remains below 28°, in accordance with the approved Mining plan cum Mine closure Plan and in consultation with the State Forest Department. The approved scheme is attached herewith as **Annexure-XV**.

10). Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:

a). User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under


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the supervision of the State Forest Department;

b). Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;

c). Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;

d). The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a comprehensive scheme amounting to ₹ 1,06,95,072.00 has been prepared for development and management of the safety zone, including green belt development, erection of RCC boundary pillars, fencing, and plantation activities, under the supervision of the State Forest Department. All RCC pillars will be erected and inscribed with DGPS coordinates as per the prescribed guidelines. Plantation within the safety zone will be undertaken as per the approved scheme to ensure dense canopy and effective regeneration. Regular monitoring and maintenance of the safety zone will be carried out under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The approved scheme is attached herewith as **Annexure-XVI**. An undertaking to this effect is enclosed as **Annexure-XVII**.

11). No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, the Topsoil generated during mining operations will be separately stored and preserved in designated areas to prevent degradation and will be effectively utilized for reclamation and biological restoration as per the Topsoil Management Plan incorporated in the approved Mining Plan cum Mine Closure Plan. An undertaking to this effect is enclosed as **Annexure-XVIII**.

12). User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF &CC before final approval;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a detailed scheme for the plantation and SMC activities has been prepared and approved by RCCF, Rourkela. The estimated cost of the scheme is ₹27,62,412. The work as per the scheme shall be carried out through the State Forest Department and hence the said amount has been deposited to the state specific CAMPA account. The payment proof has been attached herewith as **Annexure-XIX**. The approved scheme is attached herewith in **Annexure-XX**.

13). The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for desilting of

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identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, the User Agency has prepared a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies located within five kilometers of the mining lease boundary, including their GPS coordinates. This list has been duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. A detailed scheme for desilting the identified tanks and water bodies, prepared in consultation with the Forest Department, has been submitted and approved by RCCF Rourkela which is attached herewith as **Annexure-XXI**. The total cost of the scheme is ₹2,03,23,195.00 and the work will be carried out by the user agency at the project cost.

14). The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;

In compliance with the condition, the cost towards felling of trees will be deposited to the State Forest Department as per the demand raised. An undertaking to this effect, along with a commitment for phased tree felling and maximum possible translocation, has been submitted **Annexure-XXII**.

15). Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;

In compliance with the condition, an undertaking is being submitted to ensure that the tree felling will be carried out in a phased manner strictly as per the requirement of the approved Mining Plan and only after obtaining prior permission from the Divisional Forest Officer. The undertaking is attached herewith as **Annexure-XXII**.

16). The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

In compliance to the stipulated condition, it is undertaken to explore all possible measures for translocation of the maximum number of trees identified for felling. It is being ensured that tree felling will be carried out only when unavoidable and strictly under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The undertaking to this effect is attached herewith as **Annexure-XXII**.

17). A site-specific Wildlife Management Plan shall be prepared by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife of the area. A copy of approved Plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with the compliance of Stage-I approval. Entire cost of implementation of the provisions of the Wildlife Management Plan shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA of the State;

In compliance to the stipulated condition, a site-specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife in the project area. The Plan has been duly approved by the PCCF (Wildlife) and the Chief Wildlife Warden. An amount of ₹11.15 crore has been deposited towards the

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implementation cost of the approved Plan into the CAMPA account of the State. The copy of approved Site Specific Wild Life Management Plan is attached herewith as Annexure-XXIII. The details of payment proof in respect of this is attached herewith as Annexure-XXIV.

18). The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, in accordance with the Rule 11 (7) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023; The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area.

In compliance to the stipulated condition, the settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, has been completed for the forest land proposed for diversion. The Forest Rights Act (FRA) certificate has been issued by the Collector, Sundargarh, in accordance with Rule 11(7) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 which is attached herewith as Annexure-XXVI.

19). The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

In compliance to the said condition it is to state that the concurrent reclamation activities are being implemented from the very first year of mining operation as per the approved mining plan. The reclamation works include backfilling of excavated voids, grading, soil spreading, and biological reclamation through plantation over backfilled areas and stabilized external dumps. Progress of these activities is monitored regularly.

An annual report on implementation of concurrent reclamation plan is being prepared and submitted every year to the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, and the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar, as required under this condition.

The activities are progressing as per the approved schedule and the mine maintains a balance between excavation and reclamation. Hence, the condition is being complied with satisfactorily and will be maintained on a continuing basis. An undertaking to this effect however is being submitted herewith as Annexure XXVII.

20). The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;

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In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order regarding regrassing of mined-out areas, MCL has taken up systematic regrassing and biological reclamation of backfilled and other disturbed areas to restore them for the growth of fodder, flora, and fauna.

Reclamation and regrassing are carried out as part of the concurrent reclamation plan from the initial years of mining operations. The process includes:

- Grading and leveling of backfilled areas to attain the desired slope.
- Spreading of topsoil and application of organic manure to enhance fertility.
- Broadcasting of grass seeds (such as *Chrysopogon zizanioides*, *Stylo hamata*, *Dicanthium annulatum*, *Cynodon dactylon*, etc.) for soil stabilization and development of ground cover.
- Plantation of suitable native species on dumps and reclaimed areas to promote ecological balance and biodiversity.

Thus, the condition is being **complied with and is being maintained on a continuing basis**. An undertaking however to this effect is being submitted herewith as **Annexure XXVIII**.

21). Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended time to time and the Rules framed there-under;

The diversion of forest land for the project is co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the provisions of the **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957**, and the rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time.

Accordingly, the forest land diverted under this approval shall remain under the possession and use of the User Agency only for the validity period of the mining lease. It is hereby undertaken that upon expiry or termination of the lease period, the forest land shall be handed back to the Forest Department after completion of all **reclamation, rehabilitation, and regrassing measures** as prescribed in the approved Mine Closure Plan and in accordance with the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The undertaking to this effect is attached herewith as **Annexure XXIX**.

22). The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;

The User Agency has already submitted the proposal for obtaining **Environmental Clearance (EC)** for the **Kulda Opencast Project (Expansion to 21.0 MTPA)** under the provisions of the **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986** and the **EIA Notification, 2006** vide **proposal no. IA/OR/CMIN/555625/2025**

The proposal is presently **under consideration of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India**. Necessary studies including the **EIA/EMP report, public hearing, and Action plan for issues raised in Public Hearing** have been completed and submitted as part of the EC appraisal process.

The User Agency undertakes that mining operations under the expansion proposal shall commence only after obtaining the requisite Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC.

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An undertaking to this effect is attached herewith as Annexure - XXX.

23). No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;

In compliance to the said condition, it is hereby undertaken that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency undertakes that all labourers and staff engaged in the project shall be accommodated outside the forest area in designated labour colonies or nearby villages with proper facilities.

The User Agency further undertakes to provide alternate fuel sources such as LPG or kerosene to all workers and staff deployed at the site to ensure that there is no dependence on nearby forest resources for fuel requirements. Strict supervision shall be maintained to ensure that no damage or pressure is exerted on the adjoining forest areas. An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as Annexure - XXXI.

24). The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;

The User Agency undertakes that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease, and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete (RCC) pillars. Each pillar shall be inscribed with its unique serial number, the distance from the preceding pillar, and the corresponding GPS coordinates as per the approved demarcation plan.

The User Agency further undertakes to carry out this work under the supervision of the Forest Department and ensure that the demarcation is maintained in good condition throughout the lease period. Periodic inspection and maintenance of the pillars shall also be ensured to keep the boundary clearly identifiable at all times.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as Annexure - XXXII.

25). The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal except the change in land use allowed on the forest land vide Ministry's guideline dated 26.12.2024;

The User Agency undertakes that the approved layout plan of the project shall not be altered or modified without obtaining prior approval from the Central Government. The User Agency further undertakes that the diverted forest land shall be used strictly for the purpose

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specified in the approved proposal and not for any other activity, except for such changes in land use as may be permitted under the Ministry's guideline dated 26.12.2024.

Any future requirement for change in layout or land use, if unavoidable, shall be duly submitted to the competent authority for prior approval before implementation.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXIII**.

26). The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

The User Agency undertakes that the forest land proposed for diversion shall not, under any circumstances, be transferred, leased, or assigned to any other agency, department, or individual without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government.

The User Agency further undertakes to retain full responsibility for the management, use, and protection of the diverted forest land strictly for the purpose for which it has been approved.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXIV**.

27). No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;

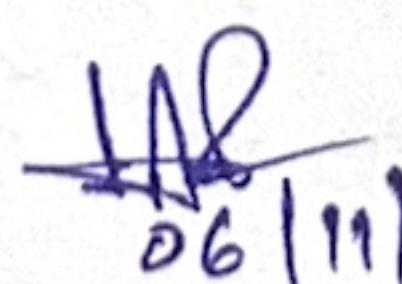
The User Agency undertakes that no damage shall be caused to the flora and fauna of the adjoining forest and non-forest areas during the execution and operation of the project. Necessary precautions and mitigation measures shall be implemented to prevent any adverse impact on biodiversity.

The User Agency further undertakes to ensure that all project-related activities shall be carried out in an environmentally responsible manner under the supervision of competent authorities, and any observation or recommendation from the Forest Department regarding protection of flora and fauna shall be strictly complied with.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXV**.

28). The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;

The User Agency undertakes to submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of all the stipulated conditions to the State Government, the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change by the end of March every year, on a regular basis.


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The User Agency further undertakes to ensure that the compliance report shall include updated status of implementation of each condition along with supporting documents, photographs, and relevant evidence for verification by the competent authorities.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXVI**.

29) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

The User Agency undertakes to abide by any additional condition that may be stipulated by the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry with the approval of the competent authority, in the interest of conservation, protection, and development of forests and wildlife.

The User Agency further undertakes to implement such additional conditions in letter and spirit within the specified time frame and to report the compliance status to the concerned authorities as required.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXVII**.

30). The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

The User Agency undertakes to comply with all the provisions of the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, and Orders issued by the Hon'ble Courts and the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that are in force or may come into force from time to time in relation to this project.

The User Agency further undertakes to ensure that all project activities shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the prevailing legal and regulatory framework, and any directions or observations issued by the competent authorities or judicial bodies shall be promptly implemented in true letter and spirit.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXVIII**.

31). Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023;

The User Agency undertakes to ensure strict adherence to all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I Forest Clearance approval. It is further undertaken that no violation of any of these conditions shall occur during the execution and operation of the project.

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An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXIX**.

32). The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

The User Agency undertakes to upload the annual and periodic compliance reports in respect of the stipulated conditions on the e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) within the prescribed timelines.

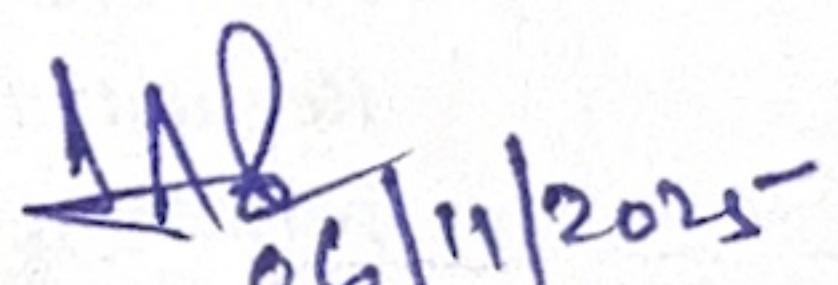
The User Agency further undertakes to ensure that all compliance reports are complete in all respects, supported with relevant documents, photographs, and geo-tagged evidence wherever applicable, for verification by the competent authorities through the online system.

An undertaking to this effect is being furnished herewith as **Annexure - XXXX**.

This report is submitted for kind perusal and onward transmission for grant of final approval from MoEF & CC under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl.: Annexure-I to XXXX

Yours faithfully,


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