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

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

Dated: 19th June, 2023

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers private Limited for non-forestry use of 94.351 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha of Safety Zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted Lol for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha - reg. (Online Proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/149499/2021).

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0002-2023-381/FE&CC dated 07.01.2023 and additional information submitted vide letter dated 29.05.2023 on the above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.