File No.08-08/2022-FC

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

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Dated: 01.12. 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 1,006.17 ha, comprising of 633.19 ha and 372.98 ha of forest land for Kotre, Basantpur Open Cast Mining Project in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited in Ramgarh and Bokaro district of Jharkhand.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-07/2022-2945/V.P. dated 30.09.2022 on above mentioned subject, forwarding additional information sought by the Ministry vide its letter dated 22.06.2022 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 07.11.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting may be seen at *www.parivesh.nic.in*. The FAC, after going through the facts of the proposal, decided that the Committee will undertake a site visit to the area. The time schedule of the meeting will be conveyed to the State in due course. After assessment of the situation, appropriate decision in the matter may be taken by the Committee in its subsequent meetings.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-(Charan Jeet Singh) Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
- 4. User Agency
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
- 6. Guard file