



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

No.

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Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

September, 2021

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C),
MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, IRO,
A/3, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 15.265 ha of Forest land under Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for expansion of existing Red Mud Pond at village Rengopali in Lanjigarh Tahasil of Kalahandi District in the State of Odisha by Vedanta in favour of M/s IDCO, Bhubaneswar

Madam,

In inviting reference to F&E Department Memo No.10F(Cons)44/2021-11265/F&E dated 29.06.2021 and F. No.5-ORC469/2021-BHU dated 22.06.2021 of Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar on the above mentioned subject, the following observations raised by Government of India are furnished below:-

Observation No. 1:- The density of vegetation in the proposed area is reported to be 0.6 (Eco-Value Class-III), whereas total 306 nos. of trees have been enumerated over proposed forest land for diversion.

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division has intimated vide his office Memo No. 4501 dated 07.09.2021 that the density of vegetation in the proposed area reported earlier as 0.6 (Eco-Value Class-III) is a typographical error and the actual density of vegetation is 0.1(Eco-Value Class-III). Accordingly, he has submitted revised Site Inspection Report enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.

Observation No. 2) The DFO Kalahandi (South) Division has not uploaded the Survey of India Toposheet, DGPS Map, KML file and CA scheme of identified degraded forest land for Additional CA in PARIVESH web portal.

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division has intimated vide his office Memo No. 4501 dated 07.09.2021 that the add & edit option on Part-II of Point No.9 Compensatory Afforestation in Parivesh Web Portal is not active during uploading of Sol Toposheet, DGPS Map, KML file & C.A Scheme of identified degraded forest land for additional C.A. Hence, the same could not be uploaded at this level. In this context, Shri Anil Kumar, Senior Technical Director, Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Informatics Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi has

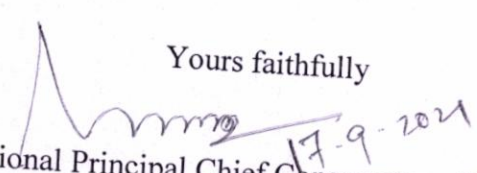
been contacted for technical assistance regarding uploading of the same. An email was received by the concerned DFO from Monitoring Cell, New Delhi on 01.09.2021 stating that "As per your trailing mail there is no provision of Update the documents in Part-II of DFO once they recommended the proposal from their side. If you want to change those documents uploaded, kindly enclose the documents with a letter issued by state Nodal Officer to change in Part-II and send it to us." is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Accordingly, the hard copy of the Survey of India Toposheet, DGPS Map, KML file and CA Scheme identified for degraded forest land for Additional CA in one set (both hard and soft copy) duly signed by all concerned are enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

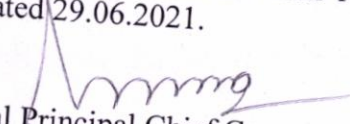
In view of the above, it is requested to accord Stage-I approval for the above project under section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: **Annexure-I to III**

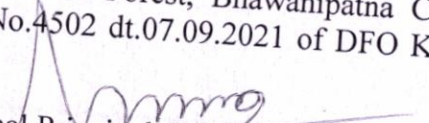
Yours faithfully


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

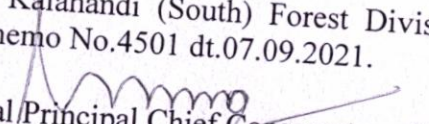
Memo No. **16165** /Dt. **18.09.2021**
Copy along with its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government in Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for kind information with reference to that Department Memo No.10F(Cons)44/2021-11265/ F&E dated 29.06.2021.


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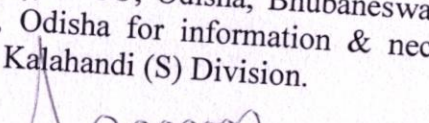
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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhawanipatna Circle for information & necessary action with reference to memo No.4502 dt.07.09.2021 of DFO Kalahandi (South) Forest Division.


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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to his office memo No.4501 dt.07.09.2021.


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Memo No. /Dt.
Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ M/s Vedanta Aluminum Ltd. At/Po- Lanjigarh, Dist-Kalahandi, Odisha for information & necessary action with reference to memo No.503 dt.07.09.2021 of DFO, Kalahandi (S) Division.


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