



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

No. 18792 /9F(Ind)-398/2020
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 08th November, 2021

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (C),
MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, IRO,
A/3, Chandrasekharpur, 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

Sir,

In inviting reference to F&E Department Memo No.10F(Cons)44/2021-18702/F&E dated 26.10.2021 and F. No.5-ORC469/2021-BHU dated 26.10.2021 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. a:- A report to be sought from the State Forest Department on the representation received from Ministry of Lanjigarh factory Anchal Vikash Samiti within 15 days. If no response is received within the stipulated time, it will be deemed that, the State Govt. has nothing to say in this representation.

In compliance to the above, it is to inform that a detailed report under representation received from Lanjigarh Factory Anchal Vikash Samiti has already been submitted to MoEF & CC, GoI, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide this office letter No. 18528 dated 02.11.2021. However, a photo copy of the above report is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

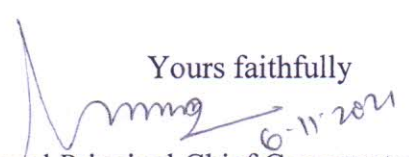
Observation No. d:- The user agency shall submit a technical report as to whether the proposed site polluting the first level aquifers within 15 days.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna has intimated vide his Memo No. 5560 dated 03.11.2021 that the user agency has submitted a detailed technical report vide his letter No. VL/Land/ 2021 dated 02.11.2021 evidencing fact that, the proposed site is not polluting the first level aquifers duly prepared by IIT, Bhubaneswar, which is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

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 II**

Yours faithfully


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

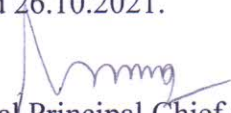
Memo No.

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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. 0F(Cons)44/2021-18702/F&E dated 26.10.2021.


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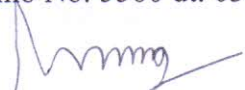
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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhawanipatna Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his office memo No. 5560 dt. 03.11.2021.


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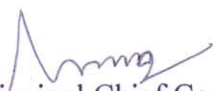
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to memo No.5561 dt.03.11.2021 of RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle.


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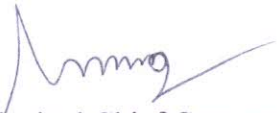
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Copy forwarded to Sri Nabal Kishore Sharma (Head- Legal, Land & External Affairs, Vedanta Lanjigarh) for information & necessary action with reference to memo No.5563 dt.03.11.2021 of RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle.


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