कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष भू–प्रबंध), सतपुड़ा भवन, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल क्रमांक / एफ–5 / 859 / 2019 / 10–11 /2427 भोपाल, दिनांक 20-7-21 प्रेषक :--

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प्रति,

श्री ब्रिजेन्द्र स्वरूप, वन महानिरीक्षक, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, अलीगंज, जोरबाग रोड, नई दिल्ली—110003

विषयः– सिंगरौली जिले में जयंत माइन्स से मोरबा रेल्वे साइडिंग तक कोयला परिवहन के लिये मार्ग निर्माण हेतु 7.448 हेक्टेयर वन भूमि नॉर्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड सिंगरौली को उपयोग पर देने बाबत्।

उपरोक्त विषयांकित प्रकरण में भारत सरकार कार्यालय में दिनांक 25.06.2021 को FAC की बैठक आयोजित की गई थी।

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FAC की बैठक में लिए गए निर्णय के अनुसार FAC द्वारा 03 बिन्दुओं पर प्रकरण में जानकारी आवेदक संस्थान से चाही गई।

आवेदक संस्थान ने अपने पत्र दिनांक 19.07.2021 द्वारा FAC द्वारा चाही गई तीनों बिन्दुओं की जानकारी प्रस्तुत की है, जो कि समाधान कारक प्रतीत होती है। आवेदक संस्थान के पत्र दिनांक 19.07.2021 की छायाप्रति एवं जयंत लीज तथा निगाही लीज की KML file संलग्न प्रेषित है।

प्रकरण में अनुरोध है कि आगामी FAC की बैठक में विचार करने का कष्ट करें। संलग्नः—उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय

(सनील अंग्रवाल)

पृ. क्रमांक / एफ–5 / 859 / 2019 / 10–11 / 2 4 2 8 भोपाल, दिनांक 2 9 7 2 प्रतिलिपिः–महाप्रबंधक, जयंत परियोजना, नॉर्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड, सिंगरौली, मध्यप्रदेश की ओर सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।



No. JNT/Env./F-46/21/

Date: 19.07.2021

To, The APCCF (Land Management) Govt. of MP Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal

# Subject: Diversion of 7.448 Ha reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding.

Ref: Online Appl. No. FP/MP/Road/30989/2017 Minutes of FAC meeting dtd. 25.06.2021

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above subject matter, I would like to submit the following in respect to the observations noted in the minutes of the FAC meeting held on 25.06.2021.

# **Observations of FAC :**

- 1. A detailed justification for a separate coal transportation road keeping in view the already existing road, possibility of a belt conveyor belt as an alternative in addition to proposed CHP needs submission .The reasons for not submitting a holistic proposal along with the earlier approved proposal of 100 Ha be submitted.
- 2. A detailed map and a note containing the details / boundaries of all adjoining mining leases in the lease hold area with specific reference to Nigahi and Jayant Project w.r.t. use of forest land in these projects for the proposed road.
- 3. The Singrauli colliery area comprises of several coal mines of M/S NCL Ltd. (total area 2201 sq.km). Considering the cumulative impact of these mines on the whole forest area in the region, a comprehensive study needs to be undertaken of the impact of change in both composition of the forest floral and the area impacted, on the health and well-being, including mental health, of the forest-fringe communities. This study should especially assess the impact due to resultant changes in forest-based food, nutrition and drinking water availability/ consumption patterns and the institutions of local governance that ensure conservation of forest resources on the overall human health and well-being including mental health

needs of the forest-fringe communities of the area. A multi-disciplinary study shall be commissioned by the User Agency by reputed institutes like AIIMS, New Delhi and ICFRE, Dehradun or IIFM, Bhopal in a collaborative mode within three months of Final (Stage-II) Approval and shall be completed within maximum 3 years. The outcomes of this study should guide the overall planning and management of forests and coal mining respectively by State Forest Department and the User Agency.

## The clarification in respect of FAC observations are as follows:

- **1.** The point wise justification for the construction of separate coal transportation road are as follows:
  - Jayant Expansion OCP is having the capacity of 25 MTPA coal production. Its Expansion Project report of 25 MTPA was approved in May 2017.
  - ii. The mine boundary of Jayant mine has approached in close proximity to the existing coal transportation/public road and it needs to be shifted immediately failing which scheduled production programme shall be halted.
  - During the visit of NGT during 2016-17, it was stressed upon construction of separate coal transportation road in order to avoid pollution to existing public road.
  - iv. The existing CHP of Jayant Project is of 10 MTPA capacity. The construction of new CHP of additional 15 MTPA capacity is under process but may take 2-3 years time from now.
  - v. In such a case, in order to have adequate dispatch of coal produced from Jayant mine (target is 23 MT for 2021-22 and it may be 25 MT in 2022-23), the only option is to dispatch from Morwa Railway Siding along with transportation to different industries by road also. In both the cases, this proposed road is necessary.
  - vi. Since the new CHP of Jayant is likely to be completed 2-3 years from now, possibility of belt conveyor from Jayant to Morwa Siding is not only exhaustive in terms of tendering, time line, but additional impact on cost as well. Total expected time involved for any new construction of belt conveyor with SILO etc. is not less than 5 years. <u>Moreover, for</u> <u>the construction of belt conveyor through shortest route, diversion of</u> <u>forest land shall be required.</u>
  - vii. The proposed road will serve the purpose of coal transportation as of now and also as public road later on when the acquisition of land is materialized/physically possessed.

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- viii. The major portion of coal produced from Jayant mine is supplied through MGR system to the linked pit head power houses of NTPC like SSTPS, VSTPS and others. Coal is also transported to up country power houses through Morwa Railway Siding and some quantity is transported through road mode to different local/ far off industries. Therefore, to serve the purpose of supply of coal to local / far off industries the dedicated corridor is urgently required to be constructed.
- As per Expansion Project Report of Jayant Expansion Project (10 to 20 MTPA), Cl. No. 14.5.3, Diversion of road has been incorporated as follows:

"The existing road from Jayant to Singrauli on the barrier between Nigahi mine and Jayant mine is passing through the western part of Jayant mine and a part of it shall have to be diverted for the proposed 20 MTPA expansion of Jayant OCP. "

The Project Report was prepared and approved in May'2017, while the proposal for renewal of 100 Ha was submitted way back in April' 2011 itself. Hence, the said proposal of diversion of road could not be combined with the earlier submitted proposal of 100 Ha.

- x. In view of the above clarifications, it is to be emphasized that since there was requirement of dedicated coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa Siding, the said proposal for construction of road has been processed.
- **2.** The details of all mining leases in the lease hold area with specific reference to Nigahi and Jayant w.r.t. use of forest land are as follows:
- A. Nigahi Project
  - i. Total lease hold area: 3018.40 Ha.
  - ii. Forest land : 1298.663 Ha (out of this, 18 Ha. will be used for mining purpose of Jayant Mine)

SI. No.	Land description	Area	Remarks
	(Forest only)		
1	Forest land diverted	874.146 Ha.	Initially diverted in the year 1988 and renewed in the year 2020.
2	Forest land diverted	424.517 Ha. (18 Ha to be used for mining purpose at Jayant)	Diverted in the year 2018.
	Total	1298.663 Ha.	Actual forest land 1280.663 Ha. for Nigahi after deduction of 18 Ha.

iii. The diversion of forest land are as follows:

## **B. Jayant Project**

i. Total lease hold area : 3177.171 Ha.

- ii. Forest land : 1180.171 Ha.
- iii. The diversion of forest land are as follows:

SI. No.	Land description (Forest only)	Area	Remarks
1	Forest land diverted before enactment of FC Act'1980	943 Ha	This land was notified under CBA 1957 and all such land was used/broken well before FC Act 1980.
2	Forest land diverted after enactment of FC Act 1980	219.171 Ha.	<ul> <li>Acquired in phases as per details below-</li> <li>100 Ha initially acquired in the year 1992 and subsequently renewed in the year 2021.</li> <li>68.290 in the year 1997. 50.881 Ha acquired in the year 2000.</li> </ul>
		18 Ha.	It is the part of 424.517 Ha of forest land of Nigahi diverted in 2018 and will be used by Jayant for mining operation only.
	Total	1180.171 Ha.	

Now, it is to be noted that construction of the proposed road from Jayant to Morwa Railway Siding will require total 10.598 Ha of forest land. There are two parts of this road:

i) The initial 3.15 Ha of land required is <u>already diverted</u> in favour of Nigahi Project which is part of 424.517 Ha of forest land.

ii) Approval is required for diversion of remaining 7.448 Ha of forest land in favour of Jayant Project for construction of coal transportation road from Jayant mine to Morwa Railway Siding.

Nigahi & Jayant OCP both are neighboring mines of NCL. Jayant is a leading mine while Nigahi is trailing behind. As such 3.15 Ha. of forest land used for road construction as of now will be used for mining purpose by Nigahi OCP after 6-7 years.

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- Land use pattern of Nigahi as well as Jayant OCP will not change as 3.15 Ha. forest land is temporarily required for the dedicated corridor for coal transportation.
- > All the details of mine boundary with plan & KML file in respect of forest land of both the projects Nigahi & Jayant is enclosed.
- The KML file of proposed coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa siding along with <u>already diverted 3.15 Ha</u>. to be used in instant proposal is also enclosed.
- **3.** As per clause, a comprehensive study is required to be undertaken in respect of changes in the composition of the forest floral & fauna, area impacted & health & wellbeing of the forest fringe communities. This will include impact assessment in forest based food, nutrition, drinking water availability, local governance and ensure conservation of forest resources.

As per directive, it is assured that the multi-disciplinary study shall be conducted by the user agency through the reputed institutes like AIMMS, New Delhi, ICFRE, Dehradun or IIFM, Bhopal after Stage-II approval.

Taking into account the above clarifications, it is requested to consider the subject proposal and necessary approval may kindly be issued for the diversion of required forest land at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, Area General Manager, Jayant Area Samifia(2)2.1

Encl: As above.

# F. No. 8-26/2015-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi – 110 003 Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Τо,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest & Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 424.517 ha of forest land in favour of M/s. Northern Coalfields Limited for mining of coal in Nigahi Open Cast mining in Singrauli District in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Sir, I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/732/2014/10-11/1773 dated 01.08.2015 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal and recommendations made thereof by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.09.2017 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested the Central Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide his letters no. F-1/732/2014/10-11/490 Bhopal dated 20th February, 2018 and No. F-1/732/2014/10-11/894 Bhopal dated 24.03.2018, final approval (*Stage - 2*) of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 424.517 ha of forest land in favour of M/s. Northern Coalfields Limited for mining of coal in Nigahi Open Cast mining in Singrauli District in the State of Madhya Pradesh, subject to following conditions:

Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

(ii) Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land of 1274.00 ha. (twice in extent to the area of forest land proposed to be diverted ( $2 \times 424.517 = 849.034$ ) 849.034 ha.+424.517 ha. -additional compensatory afforestation in degraded forest area of Singrauli District in order to compensate the environmental losses = 1273.551 say 1274.00 ha. (excluding the area which is under encroachment) of degraded forest land shall be raised within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter as per approved plan by the State Forest

Department from the funds of Rs. 583008105/- deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA Account by the User Agency;

- (i) Following activities, as per approved plan/schemes, shall be implement by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department:
  - (a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be implemented in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.
  - (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;
  - (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;
  - (d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and
  - (e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.
- (iii) The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (iv) The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (v) The State Government shall ensure that the user agency shall not utlize three patches of Very Dense forests at the western end of the proposed area for mining and the area will be preserved as safety Zone considering the richness of the forests;
- (vi) The State Government shall ensure the user agency do not carry out mining in the following area, being VDF patches, for which coordinates are as follows:
  - a) Patch 1: situated between 24°10'7.81"N-24°10'10.63"N Latitude and 82°36'46.02"E 82°36'46.93"E Longitude.
  - b) Patch 2: situated between 24°10'10.45"N- 24°10'14.32"N Latitude and 82°36'52.36"E- 82°36'49.51"E Longitude.
  - c) Patch 3: situated between 24°10'41.18"N- 24°10'37.02"N Latitude and 82°36'59.68"E- 82°36'56.02"E Longitude.
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure the User Agency implements the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- (viii) The user agency shall ensure surrendering of biologically reclaimed forest land is surrendered to the State Forest Department as per the land surrender schedule prepared by them in accordance with the existing mine plan and progressive mine closure plan;
- (ix) User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/ home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this

project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

- (x) User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation of the safety zone area (7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary of the area identified to undertake mining), at the project cost;
- (xi) User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake afforestation on degraded forest land, one and half time in extent to the area used for safety zone as per the scheme approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Singrauli;
- (xii) Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period coterminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;
- (xiii) 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 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- (xiv) User agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required;
- (xv) User agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner and take due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan shall be executed by the User Agency as per the approved mining plan/scheme and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (western Zone), Bhopal., 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 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;
- (xvi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xvii) User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (xviii) Boundary of the mining lease and safety zone shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- (xix) Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xx) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.



(xxi)

Any other condition that the Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal of this Ministry, Bhopal may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions (xxii)

stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena) Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 1.
- The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal. 2.
- The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh, 3. Bhopal.
- User Agency. 4,
- Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi. 5.
- Guard File. 6.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 1100 03

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

To,

The Principal Secretary Forests, Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal,

Sub: Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh -regarding.

#### Sir/Madam,

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I am directed to refer to the APCCF (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-1/201/89/10-11/1962 dated  $07^{th}$  June, 2013 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, 'In-principle' /Stage -I approval to the proposal was accorded vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated  $06^{th}$  February, 2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of all the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to accord Final/Stage-II approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3076 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, letter no. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3000 dated 09.09.2020 and letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3725 dated 05.11.2020 'Final approval/Stage – II' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

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

ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the remaining amount of Compensatory Afforestation deposited by the user agency for the diversion of forest land in the instant proposal may be utilized for improving the survival percentage of the Compensatory Afforestation patches created in lieu of diversion;

M. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over

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221.138 ha. degraded forest land (Compartment / Khasra No. 6,132,307/1,624,634,75, 91,7/1, 345/1, 486, 474/4, a, b, c,83, 84, 88,697, 718/1,1782, 1779, 1520, 18, 19, 8/1043, 8/1044,1520,634,22,12-16,17/1-19/2,792/1,384/1 in the District of Sidhi) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- V. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- vi. The proposed forest land i.e. 100 ha. shall be handed over to the User Agency only after, the required non-forest land for the project is acquired over by the user agency;
- vii.User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- viii. The User Agency either itself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation of the safety zone area (7.5 meter 113 strip shall be kept within the mining lease or mining cluster, as applicable and such other areas as specified in the approved mining plan) at the project cost. Area of safety zone of a mining lease shall be a part of the total area of the mining lease;
- ix. The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be for 20 years from the date grant of extension of lease under the provisions of MMDR amendment Act, 2015;
- ×. The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan and the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xi.No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii.The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas;
- xiii.The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease area and safety zone shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xiv.The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xv.The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvi. The change in the layout plan of the mining lease, if required, shall be done as prescribed in the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018;

- will. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- xix. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28<sup>th</sup>March, 2019;

Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried out by the State Government and user agency;

xi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance of all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

> (Shrawan Kumar Verma) Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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#### Copy to:

- 1. The Pr.CCF & HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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Dated: 16.01.1997

The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, <u>BHOPAL</u>. L8,29

ub: - Diversion of 400 ha. of forest land in Sidhi District for coal mining by Northern Coalfields Ltd. Jayant Project.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.F-5/45/90/10/3 ated 29.3.95 on the above montioned subject seeking prior proval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 f the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State overnment, the Central Government, hereby, conveys its approval ider Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act for diversion f <u>68.29 Ma</u>, of forest land in Sidhi District for coal mining by orthern Coalfields Etd. Jayant Project, subject to fulfilment of al Owing conditions:-

D The legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.

(i) Lease period shall be coterminus with lease under the MMRD Act.

.ii) In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots, and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost.

v) Phased reclamation plan will be implemented by the user agency at their cust.

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nexi -1 2 1-The forest land shall not be used for any purpose o (v) than that specified in the proposal. (vi) Any other condition that the State Government may import from time to time in the interest of afforestation an protection of forests. Yours faithfully, (A.N. SHARAN). ASSTT. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS Copy toi. 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt, of , Mad Fradesh, Bhopal. · . 2. Nodal Officer, Office of PCCF, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 3. The CCF (Central); Regional Office, Bhopal. RO(HQ), New Delhi. 4. 5. Guard File. ANThavan (A:N. SHARAN) ASSTT. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS

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F.No. 8-93/99-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests F.C. Division

> Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003. Dated: 25, 01,2000

To

The Secretary (Forests), Government of M.P. Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 50.881 In. forest land for Jayant OCP coal mining (Phase-III) in favour of M/s NCL, Distt. Sidhi.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F-5/45/90/10/3 dated 23.9.1999 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Gonservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act.;1980 for diversion of 50.881 ha. forest land for Jayant OCP coal mining (Phase-III) in favour of M/s NCL, Distt. Sidhi subject to following conditions:-

(i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

(ii) Lease period shall be co-terminus with the lease granted under the CB Act, 1957 subject do a maximum of 30 years.

(iii) Phased reclamation plan will be implemented by the user agency at their cost.

(iv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

(v) The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.

(vi) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area will be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere will be done at the project cost.

Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four (vii) feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar. (viii) The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas. Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), (ix)Regional Office, Bhopal may impose from time to in the interest of conservation, Yours faithfully, (R.K.GUPTA) Assistant Inspector General of Forests Copy to: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 1. Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 2. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Regional Office, Bhopal. 3. 4. RO(HQ), New Delhi Chief General Manager, Northern Coalfields Ltd., Jayant Project, Distt. Sidhi. Madhya 6. Guard file: Cympur. 1. 200 (R.K.GUPTA) Assistant Inspector General of Forests 93/99-FC