Government of Manipur Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Climate Change and FCA) Imphal: Manipur

No. 7/260/2020/Forests: 193

Lith April Imphal, the March, 2023

The Addl. Chief Secretary (For & Envt.) Government of Manipur

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.345 ha of Forest Land for Quarrying of Sandstone/Road metal, Murum and Shaly Earth at Longa Koireng village, Kangpokpi District, Manipur in favour of M/s HVS Construction Materials Pvt. Ltd. Submission of Additional Information – Reg.

Sir,

With reference to the letter No. 3 MN C 037/2021-SHI/2548-49 dt. 02/12/2022 from Integrated Regional Office, Shillong, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above, the required information sought is hereby submitted for onward submission to the Ministry.

| Sl. No. | Additional Information | Remarks |
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| i. | Mining Plan has been approved for a mining lease area of 5.16 ha while lease area as per proposal submitted online is 5.345 ha. Hence, the land use approved in the Mining Plan is not in conformity with the land use envisaged in the proposal. The State Govt. to submit the justification on the same. | Comments from Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur enclosed as Annexure-I (Para 1). Comments from DFO/Noney enclosed as Annexure – A [Para (i)]. |
| II. | Provisions of creation of separate corpus for undertaking rehabilitation and reclamation of mined out area have been proposed while similar provisions also envisaged in the Progressive Mine Closure Plan. The State Govt to submit the comments to confirm whether the corpus proposed to be created is in conformity with the provisions of Progressive Mine Closure Plan or otherwise. | Comments from Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur enclosed as Annexure-I (Para 2). |
| iii. | As per layout Plan of the Cluster-II, there seems to be 4 quarry area delineated for mining. The detail of leases proposed in these quarry areas and status of approval, if any, has obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Similarly, status of other quarries proposed in cluster-I and III may also be indicated for taking a holistic view in the matter. | Comments from Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur enclosed as Annexure-I (Para 3). |
| iv. | State Government has notified 3 clusters in Kangpokpi and Thoubal Districts in addition to 11 | Comments from Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur |

| | other quarries. | enclosed as Annexure-I (Para 4). |
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| £ | Whether notification of such clusters is based of any scientific assessment of reserves and the sustainable harvest or otherwise. | |
| | Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order date 27.02.2012 in the matter of Deepak Kumar V State of Haryana and others in SLP NO. 19628 19629 of 2009 has issued certain directives for grant of leases for minor minerals. State Govt to submit comments if the proposal in consonance with the directions contained in the Supreme Court order dated 27.02.2012. | Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur enclosed as Annexure-I (Para 5). s |

Enclosed: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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(Soreiphy Vashum) i/c Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF Government of Manipur

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1. The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), IRO, MoEF & CC, Government of India, Shillong.

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2. The Proprietor, M/s HVS Construction Materials Pvt. Ltd.