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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 Dated: April, 2022

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Ecology and Environment Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Sub: Request for modification in MoEFCC guideline dated 07 th July 2021 regarding transfer of approval granted under FC, Act, 1980 of mining lease allotted to a new lease-Reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter dated 9.07.2021 on the above subject seeking modification of guidelines dated 7.07.2021 issued by the Ministry allowing transfer of approvals granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of mining leases whose validity is expiring in terms of provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 to include terminated/cancelled leases within the scope of guidelines dated 7.07.2021 and Government of Karnataka's letters dated 20.08.2021 and 22.09.2021 seeking a clarification from the Ministry whether provisions of the guidelines can be made applicable to the mining leases cancelled and subsequently allotted to the successful bidders.

The matter was examined by the FAC and after thorough deliberation in the Ministry the following clarification is hereby issued by the Ministry with approval of the competent authority,

FC proposals of the new lessee, in respect of cancelled leases which are currently under consideration in the State and Central Government, may be dealt as a transfer of lease case, at Ministry level at New Delhi, with condition as applicable or reported by the State Government.

Guidelines dated 7.07.2021 issued by the Ministry stands modified to the above extent.

27/4/2021

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This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. The Secretary (Mines), Government of India.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State Governments/UT Administrations.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 4. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
- 5. The Nodal Office (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 6. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State Governments/UT

 Administrations.
- 7. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Integrated Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
- & PS to Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC ,GOI New Delhi 9.PPS to Secretary (EF&CC) GoI/PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, GoI 10. Secretary General, FIMI, FIMI House, B-311, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110020.
- 11. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi 12. Guard File

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant inspector General of Forests