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Dated: 13th April, 2022

To,

The Director (Planning & Projects)
M/s The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL),
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Sub: Vakilpalli Mine (VKP) Underground Coal Mining Project (0.35 MTPA) in ML area 205.34 Ha of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., located Village Vakilpalli, Mandal Kamanpur, District Peddapalli (Telangana) -For Environmental Clearance (Under violation Notification dated 14th March, 2017) – Reg

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/TG/CMIN/258008/2018 dated 25th February, 2022 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the above project.

- 2. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the application. It is noted that the proposal is for grant of Environmental Clearance to the project of Expansion of Vakilpalli Mine (VKP) Underground Coal Mining Project (0.35 MTPA) in ML area 205.34 Ha of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., located Village Vakilpalli, Mandal Kamanpur, District Peddapalli (Telangana), under violation category based on Notification dated 14th March, 2017.
- 3. The proposal has been recommended by sectoral EAC in 27th meeting held on 4th March, 2022 subject to certain terms & conditions. As per recommendation of EAC which interalia stipulates the following:
 - (i) Total budgetary provision with respect to Remediation plan and Natural & Community Resource Augmentation plan is Rs. 127 lakhs. Therefore, project proponent shall be required to submit a bank guarantee of an amount of Rs. 127/- Lakhs towards Remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation plan with the SPCB prior to the grant of EC.

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- (ii) Remediation plan shall be completed in within two years from date of issue of EC only. The bank guarantee will be released after successful implementation of the remediation plan and Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan, and after the recommendation by regional office of the Ministry, Expert Appraisal Committee and approval of the Regulatory Authority.
- (iii) PP shall submit Stage-I FC required for regularization of 21.66 ha prior to issue of Environment Clearance.
- 4. Accordingly, it has been decided that Project Proponent may submit bank guarantee of Rs. 127 lakhs/- towards Remediation plan and Natural & Community Resource Augmentation plan as per above conditions for consideration of its proposal of Environmental Clearance as per Ministry's Notification dated 14th March, 2017 and also **Stage I FC of 21.66 ha** before grant of EC.
- 5. In view of above, you are requested to submit the **Bank Guarantee and Stage-I FC** as per prescribed conditions for further processing of proposal of grant of Environment Clearance.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Lalit Bokolia
(Director)