No. J-11015/163/2016-IA.II (M)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division
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Dated: 26th December, 2018

To,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Regional Office (EZ), A/3,
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Bhubaneswar – 751023.

Sub: Benificiation Plant of M/s Jindal Stainless Limited, located at village Kaliapani, Tehsil-Sukinda, District-Jaipur, Odisha(MLA;89ha)-regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to the communication dated 26.07.2018 received from the M/s Jindal Stainless Limited seeking clarification on the Ministry's Direction vide letter no J-11015/163/2016-IA.II(M) dated 21st February, 2018 w.r.t. 'Closure of Mining Operation" of M/s Jindal Stainless Limited located at village-Kaliapani, Tehsil-Sukinda, District-Jaipur, Odisha(MLA:89ha).

2. It is submitted that the Ministry has granted EC to M/s JSL, vide letter No. J-11015/12/2000-IA.II(M), dated 13.02.2001 for production of 1.0 lakh TPA of Chrome ore under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 1994. Based on the production details submitted by PP, the matter was examined in the Ministry, wherein it was ascertain that this is a case of violation, and accordingly the Ministry has issued the direction for **"Closure of Mining Operation"** vide letter no. J-11015/163/2016-IA.II (M), dated 21st February, 2018. It is also submitted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 02.08.2017 in the matter of Common Cause Vs Union of India, it was interpreted that EC which were accorded under the EIA notification, 1994 is validity only for 5 years i.e. EC dated 13.02.2001 granted for mining activity is not valid. Further Ministry vide letter dated 26th September, 2018**(Copy enclosed at Annexure-I)** has sought the additional details, Accordingly, PP vide letter no; JSL/KLPN/2018/184 dated 03.10.2018 had submitted the information **(Copy enclosed at Annexure-II).**

3. In view of the above the undersigned is hereby directed to request you to kindly submit the factual report on PP's submission vide letter dated 03.10.2018 and as well as compliance report of the both the EC's vide letter no J-11015/12/2000-IA.II (M), dated 13.02.2001 and J-11015/163/2016-IA.II (M) dated 21st February, 2018**(Copy enclosed at Annexure-III)**. For further necessary action on the matter.

4. These issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Your's faithfully,

Dr. R.B. Lal
Additional Director/Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Member Secretary, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118 Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneshwar-751012
3. The Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.
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5. Guard File.
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