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Aliganj Road,  
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No. J-11015/756/2007-IA-II (M)

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

To,


M/s Araanya Mines Private limited  
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**Subject: Transfer of Environmental Clearance for Lohari Opencast Coal Project (0.2 MTPA in a total lease area of 450 Ha) located in villages Lohanra, Kathautia, Gareiadih, Garikhas, Tehsil Patan, District Palamau, Jharkand from M/s Usha Martin Ltd., to M/s Araanya Mines Private Limited – reg.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) to **M/s Usha Martin Ltd** for **Lohari Opencast Coal Project (0.2 MTPA in a total lease area of 450 Ha) located in villages Lohanra, Kathautia, Gareiadih, Garikhas, Tehsil Patan, District Palamau, Jharkand** subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. **J-11015/756/2007-IA.II (M) dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.**

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 read with its order dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.



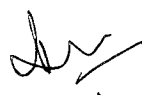
WHEREAS in pursuance of the judgment and order of the Supreme Court, the nominated authority has, in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal (MOC) vide its O.M. letter no. **43020/20/2014-CPAM dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015** has informed MoEFCC that MOC has recently approved 23 coal blocks (15 coal blocks from Schedule II and 8 coal blocks from Schedule III of the Ordinance) through bidding to different successful bidders/ companies. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the new successful bidders.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal vide Vesting Order under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order no. **104/30/2015/NA dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015** has allocated the **Lohari Opencast Coal Project (0.2 MTPA in a total lease area of 450 Ha) located in villages Lohanra, Kathautia, Gareiadih, Garikhas, Tehsil Patan, District Palamau, Jharkand**, to **M/s Araanya Mines Private Limited** as the successful bidder.

WHEREAS vide Gazette Notification **S.O. 811 (E) Notification dated 23.03.2015**, MOEFCC has made amendments to paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006. Vide the said amendment; where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding; or by the Government in accordance with law, the environmental clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of environment clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

WHEREAS pursuant to the MOC vesting Order no. 104/30/2015/NA dated 22nd April, 2015 and MoEFCC Gazette Notification S.O. 811(E) dated 23.03.2015, the EC granted vide letter no. **J-11015/756/2007-IA.II (M) dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008** to **M/s Usha Martin Ltd** for **Lohari Opencast Coal Project (0.2 MTPA in a total lease area of 450 Ha) located in villages**



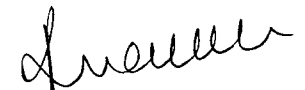
**Lohanra, Kathautia, Gareiadih, Garikhas, Tehsil Patan, District Palamau, Jharkand** is hereby transferred to **M/s Araanya Mines Private Limited** subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986 and Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments / circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No. **J-11015/756/2007-IA.II (M) dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008** shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The successful bidder shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EPA 1986 / EIA Notification 2006 /subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the transfer.
- (iv) Successful bidder shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.

  
(Dr R Warriar)  
Director

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Secretariat, Ranchi.
3. PCCF (WL), Govt. of Jharkhand in regard to implementation of WL Conservation Plan.
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7. Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks. A-2, W-3, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
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