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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: 8th April, 2022

To

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Sub: Siarmal Opencast coal mining project of 40 MTPA (Normative)/50 MTPA (peak) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 2290.45 ha (Project Area - 2580.45 ha) located in District Sundargarh (Odisha) – For Reconsideration of Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no. IA/OR/CMIN/24164/2014 dated 15th July, 2019, on the above-mentioned subject

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal of Siarmal Opencast coal mining project of 40 MTPA (Normative)/50 MTPA (Peak) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in mine lease area of 2290.45 ha (Project Area - 2580.45 ha) located in District Sundargarh (Odisha) for grant of Environment Clearance.

3. The proposal was considered in 27th meeting of sectoral EAC (Coal Mining) held on 4th March, 2022. EAC after deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of Environment Clearance subject to certain terms and condition. The project also involves forest land of 349.709 Ha for non-forestry activity. Since Stage-I Forest Clearance (FC) for 349.709 Ha of forest land has not been obtained, EC cannot be issued to Project Proponent as per OM dated 9th September, 2011 and as amended on 18th May, 2012 and 19th June, 2014 till Stage-I FC is obtained and submitted to the Ministry.

4. In view of above, it is requested to submit Stage-1 FC for forest land involved in the project for further necessary action.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.


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