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BHUBANESWAR

Dated 22.06.2002

Dear Sir: P-22 ji.

Sub:- Recommendation for allotment of Coal Block Utkal B-1 in favour of M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.

Kindly refer to the letter No.4635/SM dated 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2002 of the State Government in the Department of Steel and Mines on the above noted subject requesting your Ministry to allocate Utkal B-1 Coal Block in Talcher Coal field in favour of M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.

M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., a leading manufacturer of Sponge Iron, Steel and Ferro Chrome have come up with a proposal to set up a one million tonnes per annum sponge iron project at Deojhar in the district of Keonjhar and a 100 MW power plant at Talcher in the district of Angul with an investment of around Rs.1000 crore in the first phase. The company have also a proposal for expansion of the capacity and setting up a steel plant and a Rolling mill with one million tonne capacity per annum after successful completion of Phase-1.

To meet the captive requirement of their proposed plants, M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. have requested for allotment of Utkal B-1 coal Block. The above block has already been allotted by the Screening Committee of your ministry to M/s Talcher Mining Pvt. Ltd. vide Gazette Notification dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1997 for a proposed power project of M/s. Videocon in

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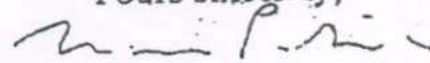
Tamilnadu. But due to inordinate delay in implementation of the said power project, the screening committee in their last meeting on 28.11.2001 set a dead line of 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2002 for the company to resolve all the issues and a stipulation that non-compliance would lead to automatic cancellation of coal block allotted to Talcher Mining Pvt. Ltd.

On the other hand, M/s. Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. are very keen to implement their project within a definite time frame. This is going to be a mega industrial project leading to value addition to the precious mineral wealth in this State, opening up employment opportunities and development of a tribal area of the State.

Since allotment of Utkal B-1 coal block is very vital for setting up the aforesaid sponge iron/ steel plant in the State, I would request your personal intervention in the matter and to consider allotment of Utkal B-1 Coal Block in favour of M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. on cancelling the prior allotment to M/s. Talcher Mining Pvt. Ltd.

With Regards.

Yours sincerely,



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