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**To,
All Members Industries.**

Pune.

Subject: - Construction of concrete road on Forest Road: DCCIA receives permission from Chief Conservator of Forests - Pune

Greetings from Deccan Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (DCCIA)!!

In the year 2018, **DCCIA** received a request from our member's **M/S Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Ltd (AMNS) and M/S Praj Industries Ltd** with other 11 member industries to take up the matter regarding major inconvenience being faced by them in moving material & men due to extremely bad condition of a part of 1.75 Km approach road from main Nagar Road which is passing through Forest land. The length of this stretch of road passing through forest land is about 500 Meters.

It was further brought to our notice that though the concrete approach road was constructed by AMNS, but the construction of concrete road on this 500 Meter stretch, passing through forest land, was not possible since Forest Department was not allowing the same. Since the repair was also not permitted on this stretch of 500 Meters, it became quite unsafe for movement of material and men. The situation became quite worse during rainy season.

DCCIA was further informed that AMNS and other 11 member industries were willing to bear the cost of construction of concrete road on the above stretch of 500 Meters if the same was permitted by Forest Department.

DCCIA, on behalf of **ANMS, Praj & other 11 member's industries**, took up the matter with **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and District Collector Pune** and requested for granting the permission. We also submitted that member industries are willing to pay the requisite charges in case the above stretch of land was leased out to them.

During the course of last six years, the above matter was pursued relentlessly by **DCCIA with strong support from AMNS**. In Oct 2022, the matter was strongly taken up with **Mr. Uday Samant, Industry Minister Government of Maharashtra**.

We are indeed delighted to inform the members that after about 6 years of relentless follow up by DCCIA, the permission has been granted to us by Department of Forest, GOM, to divert 0.495 Ha forest land for construction of above mentioned approach road (of 500 Mtrs) on payment of total fee of Rupees **28,64,660/-**. The said amount has been promptly paid by DCCIA, pursuant to which Chief Conservator of Forest has issued the orders dated 27th March 24(Copy attached), leasing the said land for construction of approach road.

The construction of concrete road on the above passage of 500 Mtrs will bring huge relief **to the affected member industries.**

DCCIA will like to place on record it's sincere appreciation **to AMNS- specially Mr. Mukund Jagirdar (Head HR & Admin Downstream, AMNS) and Mr. Suresh Kadam (Section Head Administration, AMNS)** who provided unstinted support in taking up this matter. It may be further added that in order to expedite the payment of fee, AMNS even loaned the short fall amount to DCCIA.

With Regards

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