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To

Shri Narendra Damodardas Modi,
The Honourable Prime Minister. Government of India. South Block, Raisina Hill,
New Delhi-110011.

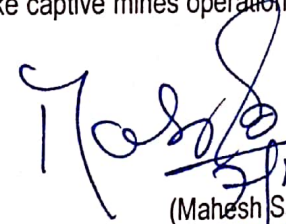
Sub: Request for resumption of NINL production by merging with SAIL/RINL/NMDC like captive mines operation started with the assistance of NMDC.

Respected Sir,

For your sympathetic and judicious action;

- Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd, Odisha (NINL) is a 1.1 Million Tonne integrated Iron & Steel Plant situated in Kalinganagar, Odisha. The largest producer of pig iron now almost in the verge of closure after the CCEA approved the disinvestment proposal on Dt: 08/01/2020 now NINL is under disinvestment process carried out by DIPAM under Finance ministry.
- Sir, directly more than 10000 employees & workers and around 40000 people indirectly are dependent on NINL. **Almost 3500 contractual employees have lost their job in NINL in Covid-19 pandemic period. Employees salary & arrears due from March 2020. NINL has lost 17 nos employees due to nonpayment of salary, want of medical facility.** The present prevailing situation has on the verge of destroying the future of employees' children, family and dependents.
- A high level meeting was organized on dtd.10.11.2020 under the joint Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry and Hon'ble Minister of Steel for revival of NINL and to disburse arrear salary of employees.
- In order to provide relief to the employees of NINL Govt. of India Ministry of Mines on dtd.09.03.2021 has granted permission to sale 50% iron ore of production capacity of captive mines for release of salary/wages and statutory dues. On Dt: 27.08.2021 NINL has resumed mining operation with the technical and financial assistance of NMDC.
- In view of the above we solicit your kind & immediate intervention to bring out 40,000 people from the unbearable agony and pain by making arrangements for payment of arrear and dues. Suitable instructions may be issued for carrying out immediate relief.
- MMTC the major promoter of NINL while making desperate effort to come out of their pauper-ship is not keen for improving the ambience in NINL plant. Hence it will be in the best interest of GOI and NINL to keep MMTC secluded from the process of decision making and entrust the same to NMDC and to allow any leading steel sectors having core competency like SAIL/RINL/NMDC to remain NINL as a going concern like captive mines operation started with the assistance of NMDC.

Thanking you, with best regards


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