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RE: DIVERSION OF 21.52 HA OF FOREST LAND IN ULIBURU RESERVE FOREST FOR IRON ORE MINING IN BAGIABURU IRON ORE MINES BY M/S. ORISSA MINERALS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED IN KEONJHAR DISTRICT, ODISHA DURING 3RD RML PERIOD.

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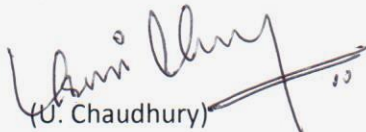
Sir/ Madam,

This is for your kind information that Stage – II/Final approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & climate Change is hereby granted under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 21.52 ha of forest land in Uliburu Reserve Forest (including 2.107 ha of safety zone) for iron ore mining in Bagiaburu iron ore mines by M/s. Orissa Minerals Development Company Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during 3rd RML period.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully
For The Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited


(U. Chaudhury)
Company Secretary

Encl: As above



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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
 Forest & Environment Deptt.,
 Government of Odisha,
 Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

Sub:- Diversion of 21.52 ha of forest land in Uliburu Reserve Forest (including 2.107 ha for safety zone) for iron ore mining in Bagaiburu Iron Ore Mines by M/s Orissa Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during 3rd RML period.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No. No.10F(Cons)43/2013-4940/F&E dated 07.03.2013 and No.22925/F&E dated 07.11.2013, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for diversion of 21.52 ha of forest land in Uliburu Reserve Forest (including 2.107 ha for safety zone) for iron ore mining in Bagaiburu Iron Ore Mines by M/s Orissa Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during 3rd RML period, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and on the basis of recommendation of State Advisory Group meeting held on 09.04.2013, the in-principle approval for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter of even number dated 21.11.2013, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.10609/9F(MG)-159/2009 dated 29.05.2020 and No.15033 dated 03.09.2021, **Stage-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 21.52 ha of forest land in Uliburu Reserve Forest (including 2.107 ha for safety zone) for iron ore mining in Bagaiburu Iron Ore Mines by M/s Orissa Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during 3rd RML period, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land.**
- The State Govt. shall ensure the complete compliance on FRA, 2006.
 - The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.

- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
- iv. The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the forest area diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over of the diverted forest land to user agency.

B: Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the user agency.

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise the Compensatory afforestation over 2.45 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.42/171/218 of Khata No.24/2 of village Champajhar of Banspal Tahasil under Keonjhar District within three years from the issue of approval as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise the Penal Compensatory Afforestation over 43.04 ha of degraded forest land identified in Uliburu Reserved Forest of Barbil Range under Keonjhar Forest Division within three years from the issue of approval as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.
- iv. The State Govt. shall ensure that the species to be planted under C.A./Penal C.A. shall be indigenous to the area and naturally growing species shall be planted using intensive planting technique to ensure survival of the plantation. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals. These reports shall be communicated to IRO periodically.
- v. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work and tree felling should be taken up in phased manner strictly as per requirement under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- vi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department shall implement the approved Regional Wildlife Management Plan from the funds deposited in CAMPA account by the user agency.
- vii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department and user agency shall implement the approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan from the funds deposited in CAMPA account by the user agency.
- viii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall undertake peripheral development activities in surrounding villages specially preventive health services, sanitation, drinking water augmentation with de-silting of village tanks and other water bodies located within 5 Km from the mining lease boundary.
- ix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the area of 2.107 ha of forest land to be maintained as safety zone and it shall not be used for mining or any other allied activities in future.
- x. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- xi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the mining lease holder shall, after ceasing mining

operation, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.

- xii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency must start utilizing minerals having more than 45% Fe content within 3 years from the date of Stage-II clearance.
- xiii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the approved scheme for fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area shall be implemented within three years at the project cost. Besides this afforestation on identified degraded forest land equal to one and a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done by the user agency at their cost under supervision of State Forest Department.
- xiv. The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4) located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease.
- xv. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under.
- xvi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha and to Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the Annual Report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency, the Nodal Officer (FCA) or the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.
- xvii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the following approved schemes/activities shall be undertaken by the user agency at the project cost:
 - a. A plan containing appropriate mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be implemented.
 - b. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within lease to arrest soil erosion.
 - c. Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
 - d. Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28° .
 - e. The State Govt./user agency shall ensure progressive mine closure/reclamation plan for regular use of top soil making the space allotted for top soil sufficient for storage. A minimum of half meter top soil may be stored and be maintained in sweet condition and shall be used during reclamation/land use planning.
 - f. The top soil should be removed and placed at a designated protected place with due care to protect the fertile component of the soil. The grass or other annual species may be planted to ensure intactness of minerals and germ plasm of the top soil.
 - g. The sub soil should also be removed and kept separately and used in reclamation in a way that sub soil is placed beneath the top soil.
 - h. The quantity of top soil and sub-soil excavated every year may be informed to Integrated Regional Office and proper record be maintained accordingly.

- xviii. The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- xix. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- xx. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- xxi. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that while executing works, the user agency shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
- xxii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- xxiii. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.
- xxiv. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during mining be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.
- xxv. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.
- xxvi. The State Govt. shall ensure that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, which shall be complied by the user agency.
- xxvii. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xxviii. It may please note that violation of any of these conditions will be amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per Para 1.21 of Chapter-1 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Yours faithfully,

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:-

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