

F. No. 8-30/2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-1100 03,
Dated: 17th June, 2015

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Application dated 30.01.2015 entitled "M/s OCL Iron & Steel Ltd" seeking hearing before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) for grant of stage-I Forest Clearance by considering proposal dated 16/10/2009 for diversion of 43.091 ha Forest land (including Safety Zone area of 2.080 Ha) in Village: Kundaposi, Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District for mining of Iron Ore in granted lease area of 45.131 ha.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the representation dated 22nd May, 2015 received by this Ministry from Shri Biswajit Das, Advocate Juris & Juris Advocate & Solicitors, New Delhi - 110029 on the above mentioned subject, and to say that the State Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar may kindly furnish their comments, and submit a report to this Ministry at the earliest.

Encl.: As above

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)
Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

Copy along with a copy of the said letter to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, for information and necessary action.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar (Eastern Zone), for information and necessary action.
3. The Nodal Officer, the forest (Conservation) Act 1980 O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file.

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Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

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Date: 22.05.2015
New Delhi

Subject: Application dated 30.01.2015 entitled "M/S OCL Iron & Steel Ltd" seeking hearing before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) for grant of stage-I Forest Clearance by considering proposal dated 16/10/2009 for diversion of 43.091 ha Forest land (including Safety Zone Area of 2.080 Ha) in Village: Kundaposi, Barbil Tahasil in Keonjhar District for mining of Iron Ore in granted lease area of 45.131 ha.

Sir,

In reference to the captioned subject, I, being the vakalatnama holder of M/S OCL Iron & Steel Ltd, wish to inform you that the aforesaid application is seeking your kind indulgence for listing before the FAC for approval of stage-I Forest Clearance (FC), which is pending for consideration since 16.10.2009. In this regard it is humbly submitted that the FAC in its meeting held on 30.05.2014 was pleased to keep stage-I FC in abeyance citing NEERI Report, which was then awaited *qua* 'Carrying Capacity'.

In this regard, we are drawing your attention through repeated efforts that despite pending NEERI Report, the stage-I FC can be granted as has been repeatedly reiterated by various agencies, in particular, the state of Orissa's high powered committee chaired by its Chief Secretary etc.

We have also come to know, though are not in a position to verify, that the MoEF, GOI in its Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) held somewhere during first week of May 2015 have cleared off about fifteen project's environmental clearance; while awaiting the final NEERI Report. Therefore, NEERI Report which

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pertains to the environment clearance cannot be a stumbling block for grant of stage-I FC. Beside, I wish to inform you that this project has a requisite conditional EC as well.

In view of this, I humbly request you to expedite the process of listing this application dated 30.01.2015 before the FAC at its next meeting for consideration of stage-I FC in order to factor the aforesaid material information and expedite the process of clearance to ease out our client's continuing grievance.

Alternately I seek a personal meeting at your office to explain you in brief the entire issue, urgency and expediency in the matter.

Waiting for your expeditious response.

Warm Regards


Biswajit Das
(Advocate)