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Memo No. 2898 / Mining-29/2021

Dated, Keonjhar, the 21st March, 2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 24.203 ha of forest land {diversion: 21.00 ha + (re-diversion: 3.203 ha (1.551 ha of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd + 1.652 ha of NHAI)) within the allotted block of Rengalbada (NE) Iron Ore Mine of M/s Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd- Compliance regarding.


X-Sub: **Submission of point wise compliance report of the observation of CCF, FD&NO, FC Act.**

Ref: 1. Memo No. 18057 dt. 14.09.2022 of Chief Conservator of Forests, FD&NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Letter No 148 dt. 04.03.2023 of OMECL.

With reference to the aforesaid letter on the captioned subject, the user agency has submitted the point wise compliance report to this office. Accordingly, the point wise compliance report is submitted herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

1. The CA land over 24.203 ha identified in village Sepaskanda under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi district equal in extent to the forest area proposed for diversion against Rengalbera (NE) Iron Ore Mines of OMECL have been demarcated in the field by fixing RCC pillars at each corner points of the CA land boundary as reported by User Agency. The copy of the photographs in support of the statement is enclosed as **Annexure-I** for reference.
2. It is submitted that CCF (FD & NO, FC Act) while examining Rengalbada (NE) proposal of OMECL observed to include 1.652 ha in the ML area and also asked the user agency to obtain NoC from NHAI over same area. Accordingly, OMECL had requested NHAI vide letter dt 12.07.2022 and in response, NHAI vide their letter No. NHAI/PIU/RKL/NH-215/Misc./6881/2022 dt 26.07.2022 expressed their unwillingness to issue NoC. The copy of the request letter of the user agency and the reply by NHAI is enclosed as **Annexure-II series**. Hence, as per point No. 5.6 "Re-diversion" in Chapter No. 5 of Hand Book- 2019 of Forest Conservation Rules- 2003 inter alia state that "*If the primary user agency refuses to give its consent and the user agency seeking re-diversion feels that the other use is compatible with and does not in any way hinder the primary use, it can apply to the State Nodal Officer along with all details, who will after hearing the primary user given him advance notice, give his agreement for the re-diversion or otherwise given reasons for his decision in the form of a note and forward the proposal to the Central Govt. for decision on re-diversion*" for necessary action may be taken.

Encl: As above


23/03/23
Divisional Forest Officer,
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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, FD&NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo No. 18058 dt. 14.09.2022.


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