

## OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION

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No. 4442 / Mining-29/2021 Dated, Keonjhar, the 21-05-

2023

To

The Director(Geology), Authorized Signatory,

Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.

(A State PSU), OMC House. Bhubaneswar- 751001, Odisha.

Sub:

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

Ref:

Memo No. 9670 dt. 18.05.2023 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, FD&NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar (Copy enclosed).

Sir,

With reference to the aforementioned letter on the captioned subject, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, FD&NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar has observed that "Instead of submitting proposal for 22.551 ha of forest land excluding 1.652 ha of forest land already diverted. You have applied for 24.203 ha of forest land including 1.652 ha of forest land already diverted to NHAI without getting the NOC.

Therefore, it is requested to submit proposal deducting already diverted area of 1.652 ha forest land from your mining lease as Highway & mining cannot be treated as compatible use in any case. Also, you are requested to submit revised proposal on the basis of approved mining plan at an earliest for taking further action at this end.

Yours faithful

Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division.

Memo No. 4443/Dated 21-05-27

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

> Divisional Forest Officer,