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To

The Assistant Inspector General Forest (F.C.),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division),
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi-110003.

Sub: **Diversion of 124.313 ha of Sabik Kissam forest land as on 25th October 1980 (treated as non- forest land in hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312 ha (including sabik kisam forest land of 238.093 ha) located within the ML hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9 Sq. Miles) of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in villages of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. and Karo Reserved Forests under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2nd RML period.**

Sir,

In inviting reference to the afore mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi have accorded Stage-I approval vide their letter No. F.No. 8-87/1996- FC (Vol.I) dated 12.09.2017 for diversion of 124.313 ha of Sabik Kissam forest land as on 25th October 1980 (treated as non- forest land on hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312 ha (including sabik kisam forest land of 238.093 ha) located within the ML hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9 Sq. Miles) of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in villages of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. and Karo Reserved Forests under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2nd RML period subject to fulfillment of 27(twenty seven) conditions stipulated therein. The user agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC and additional 4 (Four) conditions imposed by State Government vide letter No.10F(Con)255/2016-20259/F&E dated 03.10.2017. The point-wise compliance as received from the RCCF, Rourkela Circle are furnished below:

Condition No. (i):- Legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the legal status of proposed forest land for diversion shall remain unchanged. The undertaking received from the user agency is enclosed at **Sl.No.1 of Annexure-1.**

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Condition No. (ii):- *Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land, twice in extent to the area of forest land proposed to be diverted (i.e. 124.313 ha x 2 = 248.626 ha), shall be raised on the identified forest land in Laxmiposi RF under Champua Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, Compensatory Afforestation over 248.626 ha degraded forest land (twice in extent of 124.313 ha. of forest land being diverted) was initially identified in Laxmiposi RF under Champua Forest Range of Keonjhar Forest Division. The Eastern Regional office of MoEF & CC, Bhubaneswar had observed that 95% of the degraded forest land identified in the above site comprised of Medium to Very Dense Forest as per GIS based Decision Support System (DSS).

In view of such observation of MoEF & CC, the extent of degraded forest required for CA over 248.626 ha land was re-identified in Chhatam RF (Hathidharsa Block) in Rajgangpur Range of Rourkela Forest Division. The DFO, Rourkela has prepared a CA scheme thereof which was technically approved by Addl. PCCF (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) @ Rs 200/- per manday with a financial outlay of Rs 1,90,40,800.00 (One Crore Ninety Lakhs Forty Thousand Eight Hundred only), excluding the cost of infrastructure i.e. one number of 4 wheeler vehicle @ cost of Rs. 10 lakhs. The user agency has given an undertaking to provide the vehicle within a period of 3 months, copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-II (B)**.

The financial outlay of the CA scheme was revised @ Rs. 224.30/- per MD owing to revision of wage rate which has been technically approved by the Addl.PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) for **Rs 2,11,19,100/-** (excluding the cost of four wheeler of Rs. 10.00 lakh). Again, the financial outlay of the CA scheme was revised @ Rs. 280/- per MD owing to revision of wage rate which has been technically approved by the Addl.PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) for **Rs 2,24,82,600/-** (excluding the cost of four wheeler of Rs. 10.00 lakh). The copy of the revised financial outlay alongwith the scheme @ Rs 280/- per manday and the shape file is enclosed as **Annexure-II series**.

In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that the user agency has deposited **Rs.2,24,82,600/-** towards the compensatory afforestation in three phases. In the first phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 1,90,40,800/-** (One Crore Ninety Lakhs Forty Thousand Eight Hundred only) @ Rs 200/- per manday (excluding the cost of four wheeler of Rs. 10.00 lakh) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No-SBINR12017122200034911 dated 22.12.2017 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126526 of CORPORATION BANK/ FCS BANGALORE/ CORP0000633. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(A)**.

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In the second phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 20,78,300/-** (Rupees ten lakhs seventy eight thousand and three hundred) only towards the differential amount (cost of CA of Rs.2,11,19,100/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD – cost of CA of Rs.1,90,40,800/- @ Rs.200/- per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No. SBIN918205132368 on 24.07.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126710, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi/CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(B)**.

In the third phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 37,54,251/-** (Rupees thirty seven lakhs fifty four thousand and two hundred fifty one) only which includes the differential amount of Rs.13,63,500/- (cost of CA of Rs.2,24,82,600/- @ Rs.280/- per MD – cost of CA of Rs.2,11,19,100/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No. SBIN718354818303 on 20.12.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126141, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi/CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(C)**.

The User Agency has also furnished an undertaking at Sl. No.16 of **Annexure-I** to pay the additional amount in case of anticipated increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Condition No. (iii):- The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo-sheet of 1:50000 scale;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the land identified for the purpose of CA has been clearly depicted on the SOI topo-sheet of 1:50,000 scale duly authenticated by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Division and is attached as **Annexure-III**.

Condition No. (iv):-The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has deposited the approved amount of **Rs.2,24,82,600/-** towards the compensatory afforestation in three phases. In the first phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 1,90,40,800/-** (One Crore Ninety Lakhs Forty Thousand Eight Hundred only) @ Rs 200/- per manday (excluding the cost of four wheeler of Rs. 10.00 lakh) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No-SBINR12017122200034911 dated 22.12.2017 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126526 of CORPORATION BANK/ FCS BANGALORE/ CORP0000633. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(A)**.

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In the second phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 20,78,300/-** (Rupees ten lakhs seventy eight thousand and three hundred) only towards the differential amount (cost of CA of Rs.2,11,19,100/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD – cost of CA of Rs.1,90,40,800/- @ Rs.200/- per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No. SBIN918205132368 on 24.07.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126710, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi/CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(B)**.

In the third phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs 37,54,251/-** (Rupees thirty seven lakhs fifty four thousand and two hundred fifty one) only which includes the differential amount of Rs.13,63,500/- (cost of CA of Rs.2,24,82,600/- @ Rs.280/- per MD – cost of CA of Rs.2,11,19,100/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD. through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No. SBIN718354818303 on 20.12.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA A/C 150825820126141, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi/CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(C)**.

The User Agency has also furnished an undertaking at Sl. No.16 of **Annexure-I** to pay the additional amount in case of anticipated increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Condition No. (v):-The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has deposited the Net Present Value (NPV) of the sabik forest land being diverted under this proposal (i.e. 238.093 hectare of Non-Forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) @ Rs.7,30,000/- per ha for an amount Rs.17,38,07,890/- (Rupees seventeen crores thirty eight lakhs seven thousand eight hundred ninety) only (238.093 ha X Rs.7,30,000/- per ha) through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52016071332114863 dt.13.07.2016 in CAF A/c No.344902010105428 of Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi . The copy of receipt in support of the aforesaid payment is enclosed as **Annexure-V(A)** and previous payments of the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted under this project is enclosed as **Annexure-V(B)**.

Condition No. (vi):- At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect to pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed at **Sl.No.2 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (vii):- Following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency at the project cost and appropriate cost of the plan / scheme shall be deposited in Adhoc CAMPA Account;

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, necessary schemes with appropriate cost for the following activities to be executed by the user agency at the project cost have been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela:-

- a. *Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme containing mitigative measures for minimizing soil erosion and choking of streams has been technically approved with a financial outlay of Rs.1,40,34,898/- (Rupees one crore forty lakhs thirty four thousand eight hundred ninety eight only) at the wage rate of Rs.280/- per man day by the RCCF, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure –VI** The user agency has submitted an undertaking to execute the work on receipt of Stage-II approval in consultation with Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar, which is enclosed at **Sl. No.1 of Annexure-I(A)**.

- b. *Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme for Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion has been technically approved with a financial outlay of Rs.60,48,986/- (Rupees sixty lakhs forty eight thousand nine hundred and eighty six) only at the wage rate of Rs 280/- per man day by the RCCF, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-VII** . The user agency has submitted an undertaking to execute the work on receipt of Stage-II approval in consultation with Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar, which is enclosed at **Sl.No.2 of Annexure-I(A)** .

- c. *Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme for construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour has been technically approved with a financial outlay of Rs 69,32,522.00 (Rupees sixty nine lakhs thirty two thousand five hundred twenty two only) at the wage rate of Rs 280/- per man day by the RCCF, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure–VIII**. The user agency has

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submitted an undertaking to execute the work on receipt of Stage-II approval in consultation with Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar, which is enclosed at **Sl.No.3 of Annexure-I(A)** .

- d. *Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28 degree; and;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme to stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28 degree has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela without any financial outlay which is enclosed as **Annexure-IX** for implementation by the user agency in accordance with approved Mining Plan. The user agency has submitted an undertaking to execute the work on receipt of Stage-II approval in consultation with the DFO, Keonjhar, which is enclosed at **Sl.No.4 of Annexure-I(A)**.

- e. *No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme for Top Soil Management has been technically approved with a financial outlay of Rs. 29,29,608/- (Rupees twenty nine lakhs twenty nine thousand six hundred and eight) only at the wage rate of Rs 280/- per man day by the RCCF, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-X** . The user agency has submitted an undertaking that no damage will be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan which is attached as **Sl. No.18 of Annexure – I**.

Condition No. (viii):- Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip shall be kept within the mining lease boundary and area of the- safety zone shall be part of the total area of mining lease as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 27.05.2015] shall be done within three year at the project cost from the issue of Stage-II Clearance. Besides this afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one & a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost; The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed to the MoEF & CC with shape files and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme for Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area to be executed by the user agency at project cost has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela with a financial outlay of Rs 83,81,063/- (Rupees eighty three lakhs eighty one thousand and sixty three only) at the wage rate of Rs 280/- per man day which is enclosed as **Annexure –XI(A)**. As such, the 7.5 meters strip has been kept within the mining lease boundary and thereby the area of the safety zone is part of the total area of mining lease as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 27.05.2015. The user agency has given undertaking to execute the work on receipt of Stage-II approval in consultation with Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 5 of Annexure-I(A)**.

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Further, Degraded Forest Land (DFL) to an extent of 22.122 hectares (measuring 1.5 times area under safety zone; i.e 1.5 x 14.748 ha) has been identified in Laxmiposi RF of Champua Range of Keonjhar Forest Division for undertaking afforestation at the project cost and technically approved for Rs.86,66,590/- (Rupees eighty-six lakh sixty-six thousand five hundred ninety) only at the wage rate of Rs 213.50 per man by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle. Subsequently, the said scheme was technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela for Rs 88,02,500/- (Rupees eighty eight lakhs sixty six thousand five hundred ninety) only @ Rs 224.30 per manday and Rs 1,08,77,170/- (Rupees one crore eight lakhs seventy seven lakhs and one hundred seventy) only @ Rs 280/- per manday.

In this context, it is to mention that the user agency has deposited the above approved amount of Rs.1,08,77,170/- in three phases. In the first phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs.86,66,590/-** (Rupees eighty-six lakh sixty-six thousand five hundred ninety) only @ Rs 213.50 per manday through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMP A vide UTR No-SBIN818103124798 dated-13.04.2018 in ORISSA CAMP A / 150825820126134, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above is enclosed as **Annexure-XI B (1)**.

In the second phase, the user agency has deposited Rs.1,90,282/- (Rupees one lakh ninety thousand two hundred and eighty two) only which includes the differential amount of **Rs.1,35,910/-** (cost of 1.5 SZ of Rs.88,02,500/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD – cost of 1.5 SZ of Rs.86,66,590/- @ Rs.213.50 per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMP A vide UTR No- SBIN418298789138 dated 25.10.2018 in ORISSA CAMP A / 150825820126548, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above payment is enclosed as **Annexure-XI B (2)**.

In the third phase, the user agency has deposited Rs.37,54,251/- (Rupees thirty seven lakh fifty four thousand two hundred and fifty two) only which includes the differential amount of **Rs.20,74,670/-** (cost of 1.5 SZ of Rs.1,08,77,170/- @ Rs.280/- per MD – cost of 1.5 SZ Rs.88,02,500/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMP A vide UTR No- SBIN718354818303 dated 20.12.2018 in ORISSA CAMP A / 150825820126141, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above payment is enclosed as **Annexure-XI B (3)**.

Further, the DFO, Keonjhar Division has reported that afforestation over the aforesaid degraded forest land, shall be raised within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance. The copy of the approved scheme along with shape files is attached as **Annexure-XI(C)**.

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Condition No. (ix):-*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 proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the original Mining Lease was granted over 1786.74 ha (6.90 Sq. Miles) for Manganese Ore in favour of M/s Bolani Ores Limited. Accordingly lease deed has been executed on 14.11.1962 for a period of 20 years w.e.f 14.11.1962 to 13.11.1982. The copy of the lease deed is enclosed as **Annexure-XXII(A)**. Subsequently, iron ore was included in the mining lease by virtue of execution of a supplementary lease deed on 12.11.1981 {Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XXII(B)**}. The lessee had submitted 1st RML application on 12.11.1981 which was one year prior to the expiry of the validity of the original mining lease. 1st RML was granted over 1786.74 ha vide Proceedings No. 6040/MG dated 29.05.1984 {Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XXII(C)**} of the erstwhile Mining & Geology Department of Govt. of Odisha for a period of 20 years i.e. from 14.11.1982 to 13.11.2002 subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated in State Government letter dt. 15.2.1984. However, no lease deed has been executed for want of forest clearance. The 2nd RML application was submitted by the lessee over reduced area of 1586.36 ha on 26.03.2002 which is not within the time period of one year prior to the expiry of the validity of the 1st RML {Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XXII(D)**}. As reported by the RCCF, Rourkela, the user agency has taken up the matter with Steel and Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha for extension of 6.90 sq. mile Mining Lease as per the provisions of Rule 3(3) of the Mineral (Mining by Govt. Company) Rules, 2015 {Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XXII(E)**}. The user agency has also furnished an undertaking at Sl. No. 3 of **Annexure-I** to accept that the 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 proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under.

Condition No. (x):-*Any fund received from the user agency under the project and deposited in the State Forest Department account, except the funds realized for regeneration/demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the user agency has transferred all the funds through online portal in to Ad-hoc CAMPA except the cost towards NPV and Regional Wildlife Management Plan which was made prior to implementation of online payment system. The funds realized from user agency prior to implementation of online payment system were transferred to the designated Ad-hoc CAMPA as follows:

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Sl No	Components	Amount (in Rs.)	DD No/ Cheque no/ RTGS details with date
1	NPV of forest land of 506.22 ha	29,14,78,120/- & 7,80,04,080/-	Cheque No-597662 dt 29.05.2010 & Cheque No-597673 dt 03.07.2010 in CAMPA A/c -1585, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex Lodhi Road respectively [Copy enclosed as Annexure V(B)]
2	NPV of total sabik forest land of 238.093 ha	17,38,07,890/-	RTGS UTR No- SBINR52016071332114863, A/C No- 344902010105428 on Union Bank of India, Sundarnagar, New Delhi dated 13.07.2016 [Copy enclosed as Annexure V(A)]
3	Cost of RWLMP	3,17,27,200/- & 3,64,86,280/-	Cheque No- 597663 dt 29.05.2010 in CAMPA A/c-1585, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex Lodhi Road & RTGS UTR No- SBINH14031364494, A/c No-SB01025222 dated 31.01.2014 [Copy enclosed as Annexure-XII]

The copies of receipts in support of the aforesaid payments submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division are enclosed as **Annexure V(A) and V(B)** and the funds deposited through online portal in Adhoc-CAMPA in prescribed format duly countersigned by the DFO, Keonjhar and Additional PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-XII**.

Condition No. (xi):- *The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has obtained Environmental clearance for the lease as per provisions of EP Act, 1986 vide letter No. J-11015/396/2008-IA II(M) dated 21.12.2012 for production of 15,000 tonnes Manganese Ore per annum. The copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-XIII**.

Condition No. (xii):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking that no labour camp will be established on the forest land which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 4 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (xiii):- *The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 5 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (xiv):- *The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, 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;*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the user agency has demarcated the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone as applicable on the ground at project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars each inscribed with serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. Photos of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-XIV**.

Condition No. (xv):- 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, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned 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 or the Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to carry out mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area, from the very first year, as per the Mining Plan approved by Indian Bureau of Mines, GoI and submit an annual report on implementation of the concurrent reclamation plan to the Nodal officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Odisha and Eastern Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar. The undertaking is enclosed at **Sl.No.17 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (xvi):- The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government which is enclosed at **Sl. No.6 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (xvii):- The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed at **Sl. No.7 of Annexure-I**.

Condition No. (xviii):- The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government, which is enclosed as **Sl. No. 8 of Annexure-I**.

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Condition No. (xix):-*No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area will be caused , which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 9 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. (xx):-*Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that any tree felling will be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed at **Sl. No.10 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. (xxi):-*The user agency will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State Government;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that Bolani Ores Mines, M/s SAIL will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State Government which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 11 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. (xxii):-*The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Keonjhar vide his Order No 193 dt. 31.01.2018 has furnished the requisite Certificate in Form II under Scheduled Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 for an area of 238.093 ha sabik forest land within the lease which is enclosed as **Annexure-XV.** The proceeding of DLC, SDLC and resolution of Gram Sabha both in Odia and English version are enclosed in a **separate volume.**

Condition No. (xxiii):-*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 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF &CC before Stage-II Clearance;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the scheme for gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease to be executed by DFO Keonjhar was technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela with a financial outlay of Rs. 14,72,366/- (Rupees fourteen lakhs seventy two thousand and three hundred sixty six) only with wage rate of Rs.213.50 per MD. Subsequently, the said scheme was technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela for Rs 15,26,738/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs twenty six thousand seven hundred thirty eight) only @ Rs 224.30 per manday and Rs 18,42,819/- (Rupees eighteen lakhs forty two thousand and

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eight hundred nineteen) only @ Rs 280/- per manday. The copy of the approved scheme is attached as **Annexure-XVI(A)**.

In this context, it is to mention that the user agency has deposited the above approved amount of **Rs.18,42,819/-** in three phases. In the first phase, the user agency has deposited **Rs. 14,72,366/-** (Rupees fourteen lakhs seventy two thousand and three hundred sixty six only) only @ Rs 213.50 per manday through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No-SBIN218108278866 dated 18.04.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA/150825820126424, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI B**.

In the second phase, the user agency has deposited Rs.1,90,282/- (Rupees one lakh ninety thousand two hundred and eighty two) only which includes differential amount of **Rs.54,372/-** (cost of Gap Plantation of Rs.15,26,738/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD – cost of Gap Plantation of Rs.14,72,366/- @ Rs.213.50 per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No- SBIN418298789138 dated 25.10.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA / 150825820126548, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above payment is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI B**.

In the third phase, the user agency has deposited Rs.37,54,251/- (Rupees thirty seven lakh fifty four thousand two hundred and fifty two) only which includes differential amount of **Rs.3,16,081/-** (cost of Gap Plantation of Rs.18,42,819/- @ Rs.280/- per MD – cost of Gap Plantation of Rs.15,26,738/- @ Rs.224.30 per MD) through online portal in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA vide UTR No- SBIN718354818303 dated 20.12.2018 in ORISSA CAMPA / 150825820126141, NEW DELHI LODHI COMPLEX/ CORP0000371. The copy of receipt in support of above payment is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI B**.

Condition No. (xxiv):-The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF &CC before Stage-II approval;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS coordinates located within 5.0 km radius from the ML boundary has been duly verified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division. The scheme for de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within 5.0 km from the ML boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks and water bodies to be executed by user agency has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela with a total financial outlay of Rs. 80,48,006/- (Rupees eighty lakhs forty eight thousand and six) only @ Rs 280/- per manday. A copy of the scheme is enclosed as **Annexure – XVII**.

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Condition No. (xxv):-*The User Agency shall submit the annual self - compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted an undertaking that the annual self-compliance report in respect of the conditions will be furnished regularly to the State Government, Eastern Regional Office of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India and MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 12 of Annexure-I.**

Condition No. (xxvi):-*Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry might stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife will be complied by them which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 13 of Annexure-I .**

Condition No. (xxvii):-*The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which is enclosed at **Sl. No. 14 of Annexure-I.**

Additional Conditions imposed vide memo No. 10F(Con)255/2016-20259-F&E dated 03.10.2017 of Special Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department, Bhubaneswar.

Condition No. (A):-*Collector, Keonjhar shall furnish required FRA compliance pertaining to 238.093 ha. (Including 124.313ha. applied for diversion) of sabik kizam forest land as on 25.10.1980 (non-forest land in HAL record) in this lease before obtaining Stage-II forest clearance for the instant forest diversion proposal. Besides, other compliances like Gram Sabha Resolutions, English version thereof, proceedings of DLC/SDLC etc. of 505.62 ha of forest land shall also be furnished;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Keonjhar vide his Order No. 193 dt. 31.01.2018 has furnished the requisite Certificate in Form II under Scheduled Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, for 238.093 ha (including 124.313 ha. applied for diversion) of sabik kizam forest land as on 25.10.1980 (non-forest land in HAL record), which is enclosed as **Annexure-XV.** The proceeding of DLC, SDLC and resolution of Gram Sabha both in Odia and English version are enclosed in a **separate volume.**

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Condition No. (B):- Land schedule of 124.313 ha of sabik kism forest land as on 25.10.1980 authenticated by Tahasildar, Barbil and duly countersigned by DFO, Keonjhar shall be furnished;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the land schedule of 124.313 ha of sabik kism forest land as on 25.10.1980 authenticated by the Tahasildar, Barbil and Forest Range Officer, Barbil submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar division which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIX**.

Condition No. (C):- Land use plan of the ML area of 1586.36 ha indicating sabik kism forest land now applied for diversion, non-forest land, virgin forest/ sabik forest/ non-forest shall be furnished;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the copy of land use plan of the ML area of 1586.36 ha indicating sabik kism forest land now applied for diversion, virgin forest and non-forest land submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar division is enclosed as **Annexure-XX**.

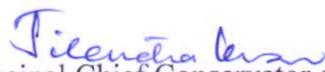
Condition No. (D):- In view that 124.313ha of sabik kism forest land now proposed for diversion out of 238.093 ha. of sabik kism forest land for infrastructural purpose and remaining forest/sabik kism forest land are not likely to be used for non-forest use, such forest/ sabik kism forest land including the portion located in safety zone is to be protected and Preserved by the lessee at their cost. Tree enumeration of such forest land shall be taken up by the DFO, Keonjhar for facilitating the lessee in this context. DFO, Keonjhar shall maintain strict vigil to ensure that no illegal activities take place on such un-diverted forest land and vegetation over such forest land remains intact;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the remaining 99.032 ha sabik kism forest land not likely to be used for non-forest purpose and the portion located in safety zone will be protected and preserved by them at the project cost in facilitation with DFO Keonjhar which is enclosed **Sl. No. 15 of Annexure-I**. Also, the tree enumeration of such forest land has been taken up and the enumeration list is attached as **Annexure- XXI**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by MoEF & CC, Government of India, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 124.313 ha of Sabik Kism forest land as on 25th October 1980 (treated as non- forest land on hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312 ha (including sabik kism forest land of 238.093 ha) located within the ML hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9 Sq. Miles) of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in villages of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. And Karo Reserved Forests under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2nd RML period under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully,


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Memo No. 164 /Dt. 04.04.19

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Addl. PCCF (Central), MoEF & CC, Government of India, ERO, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

T. Kesari
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 165 /Dt. 04.04.19

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

T. Kesari
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 166 /Dt. 04.04.19

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. memo no. 1513 dated 02.06.2018.

T. Kesari
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 167 /Dt. 04.04.19

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Keonjhar for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 1514 dated 02.06.2018 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address and his memo no. 8751 dated 20.12.2018.

T. Kesari
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 168 /Dt. 04.04.19

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Bolani Ore Mines, Raw Materials Division, M/s SAIL, At/Po-Bolani, Dist-Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

T. Kesari
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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